

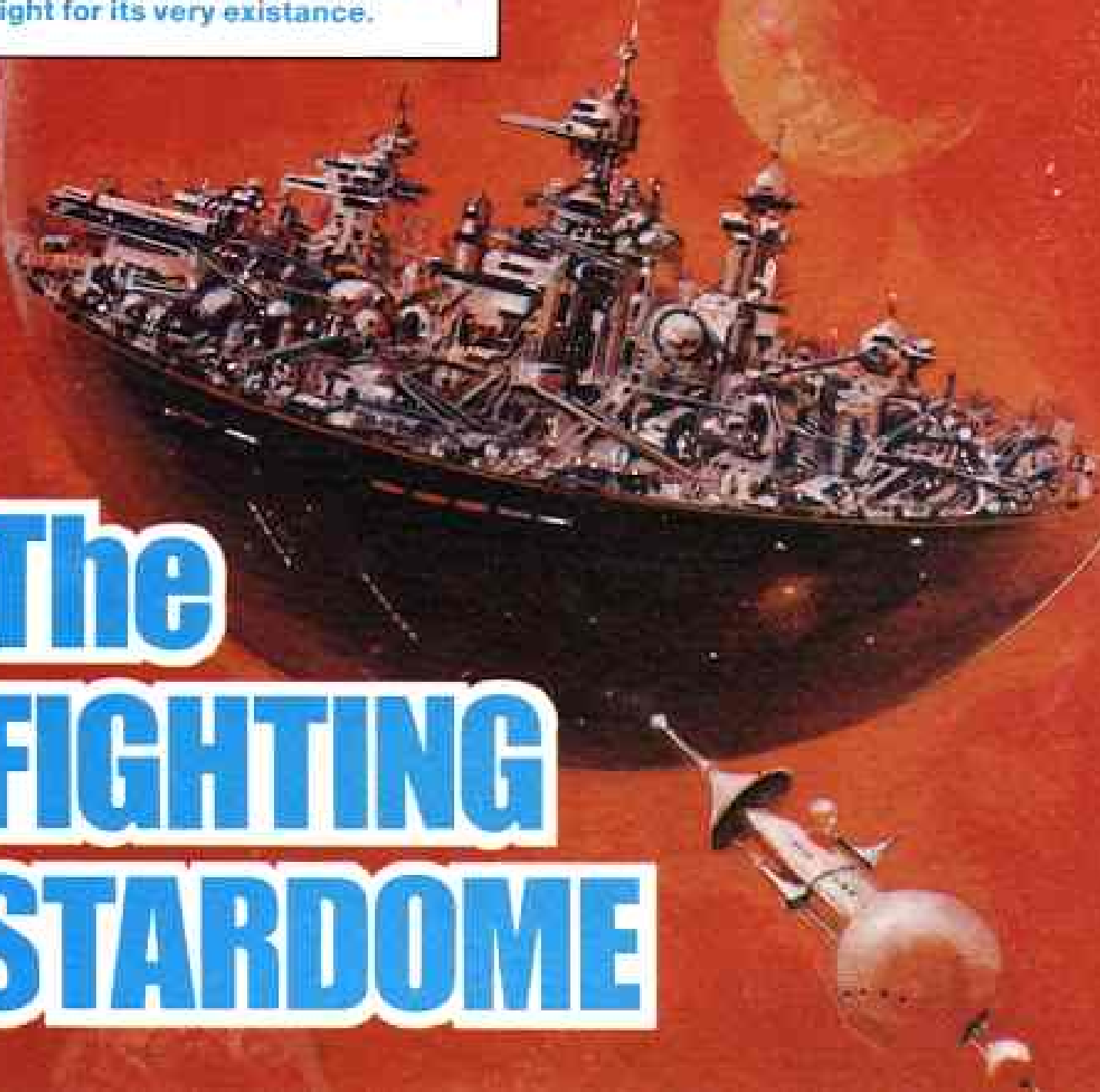
# STARBLAZER

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When Earth was invaded by the brutal Zahn, the dome city of Alba was forced to take to space to survive . . . and now it had to fight for its very existence.

## The FIGHTING STARDOME



## **THE SEEDS OF MADNESS**

# **STARBLAZER**

AFTER THE MANY CIVIL WARS, EARTH'S AIR, SOIL AND SEA WERE DEEPLY IRRADIATED. OVER THE YEARS MEN EMIGRATED, UNTIL ONLY ONE DOME CITY REMAINED. ITS PEOPLE, SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS, NUMBERED BARELY A HUNDRED. THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO PURSUE GRAVITY NULLIFICATION EXPERIMENTS, SO POTENTIALLY DEVASTATING THAT ONLY A WORTHLESS PLANET COULD BE RISKED. THE ZAHN, AN ALIEN RACE WERE PURSUING THE SAME LINE OF RESEARCH — THEY HAD SOLVED ONE HALF, EARTH THE OTHER, AND THE ZAHN WERE DETERMINED TO BE IN CONTROL OF BOTH HALVES. EARTH'S ONLY CHANCE WAS THE MEN OF THE FIGHTING STARDOME.

# THE FIGHTING STARDOME

ON THE FAR OFF PLANET ZAHN, A  
DECISION WAS MADE THAT HELD TERRIBLE  
DANGER FOR EARTH.

OUR SPY PROBES INDICATE THAT GRAVITY  
RESEARCH IS FAR ADVANCED ON SOL III. YOUR  
MISSION, COMMANDER NEXUS, IS TO TAKE THEIR  
DOME CITY, ALBA, INTACT.





A HASTILY PREPARED CONVOY  
MOVED AWAY FROM ZAHN,  
HEADING FOR THE DISTANT  
PLANET EARTH.



AFTER MANY UNITS IN HYPER TRAVEL THE ZAHN FORCE REACHED EARTH. THEIR FIRST TASK  
WAS TO BREAK THROUGH ALBA'S PROTECTIVE SHIELD—

THE FULL BROADSIDE OF OUR THREE  
WARSHIPS IS ABOUT EQUAL TO THE  
STRENGTH OF THAT ENERGY SHELL. WE  
CAN USE IT WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE  
TO DOME CITY.



THE FIRST KNOWLEDGE THE ALBA DEFENCE FORCE HAD OF ATTACK WAS WHEN A SECTION SUDDENLY WEAKENED.

ACTIVATE SECONDARY DEFENCE.

NEXUS, THE ZAHN COMMANDER WAS WATCHING CAREFULLY—

THE GAP HAS STOPPED GROWING. THE SHIELD WILL CLOSE UP AGAIN. GET ME THE LABSHIP!

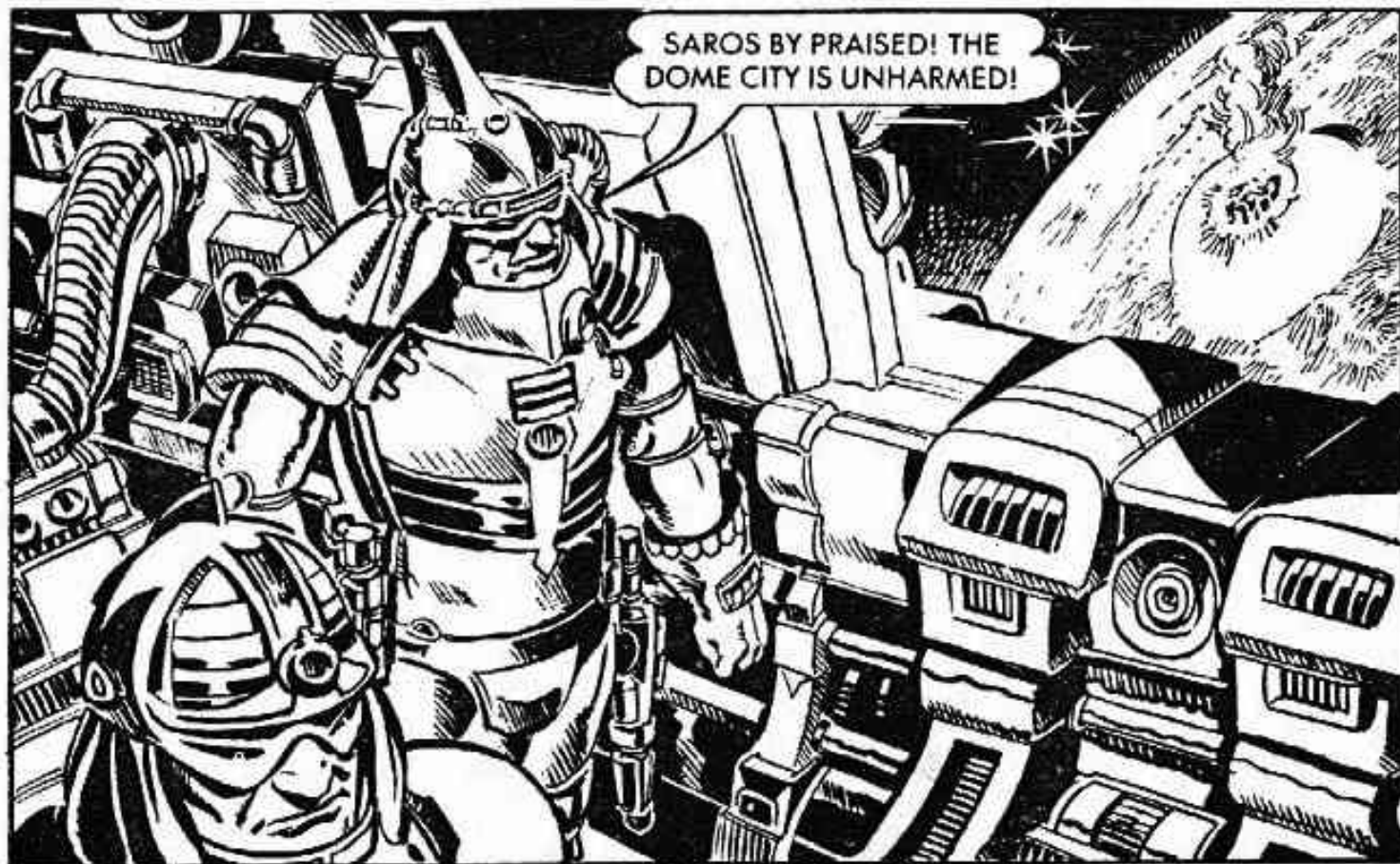
COMMANDER NEXUS, WE CAN DESTROY THE ENERGY SHELL WITH A MINIMAL ANTI-MATTER CHARGE.

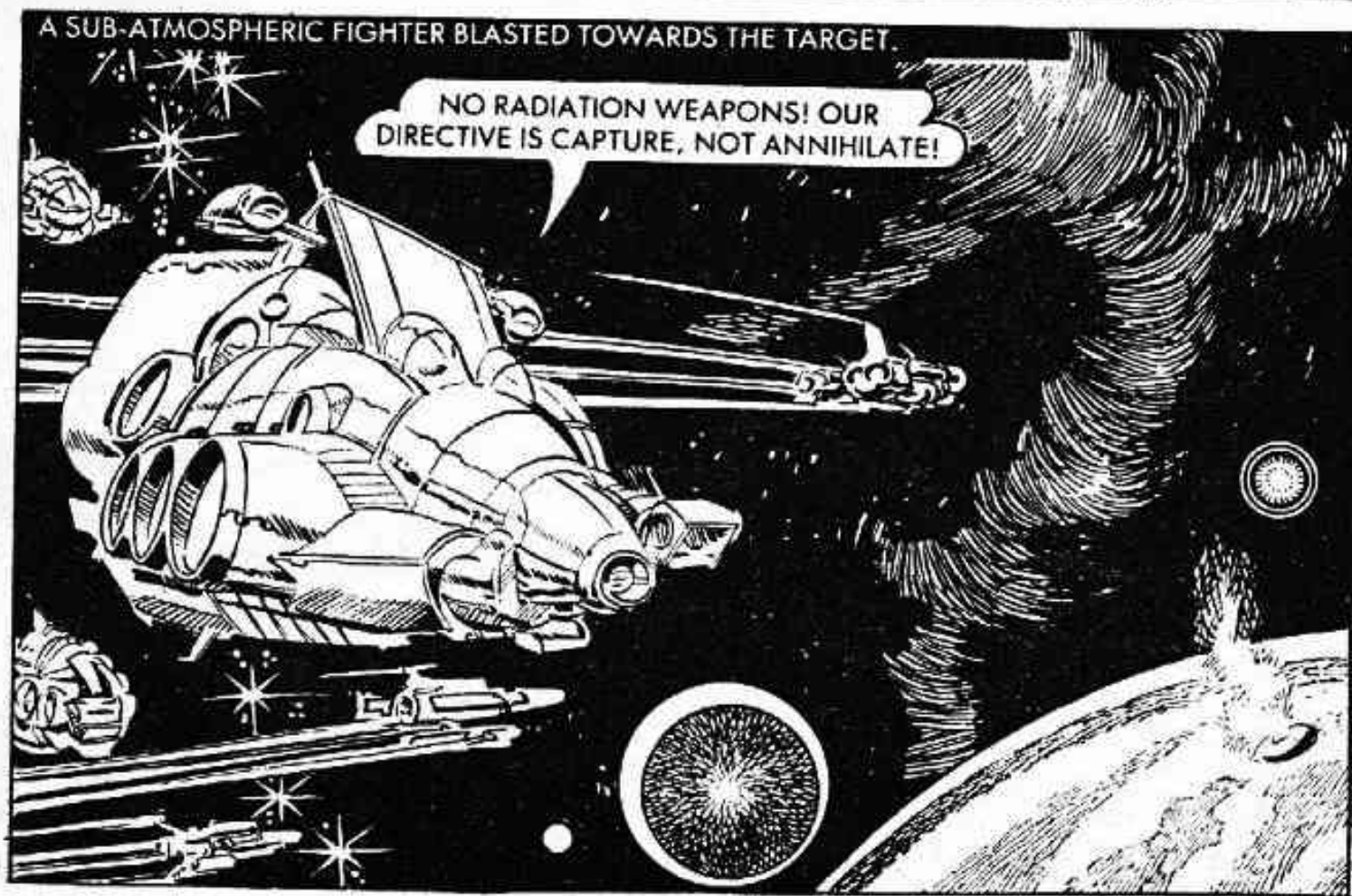


THE ENERGY SHIELD COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE SUDDEN ENERGY FLUXES CAUSED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF ANTI-MATTER—



SAROS BY PRAISED! THE  
DOME CITY IS UNHARMED!







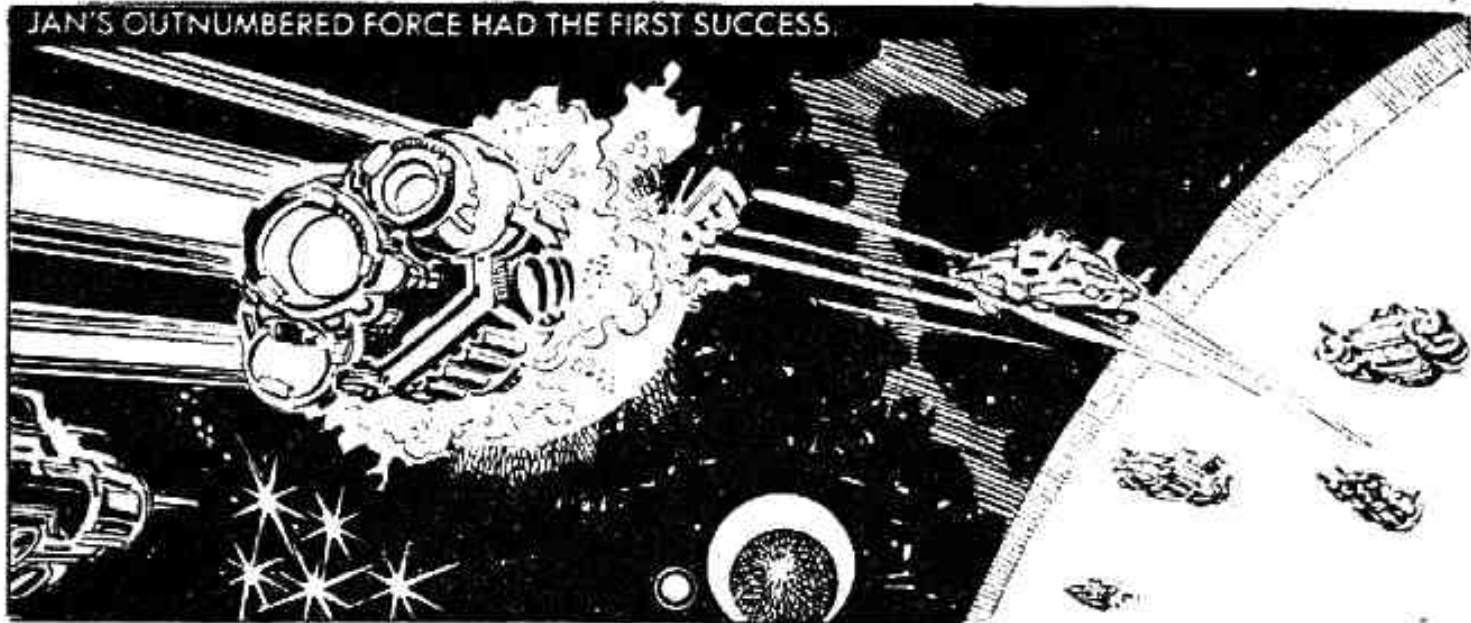
HOME CAPTAIN, JAN NEDERLANT, ORDERED THE PATHETIC DEFENCE FORCE INTO SPACE.

WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY MUST  
ATTEMPT A LANDING. IF THERE'S ANY  
CHOICE, GO FOR TROOPSHIPS, NOT  
ESCORTS.





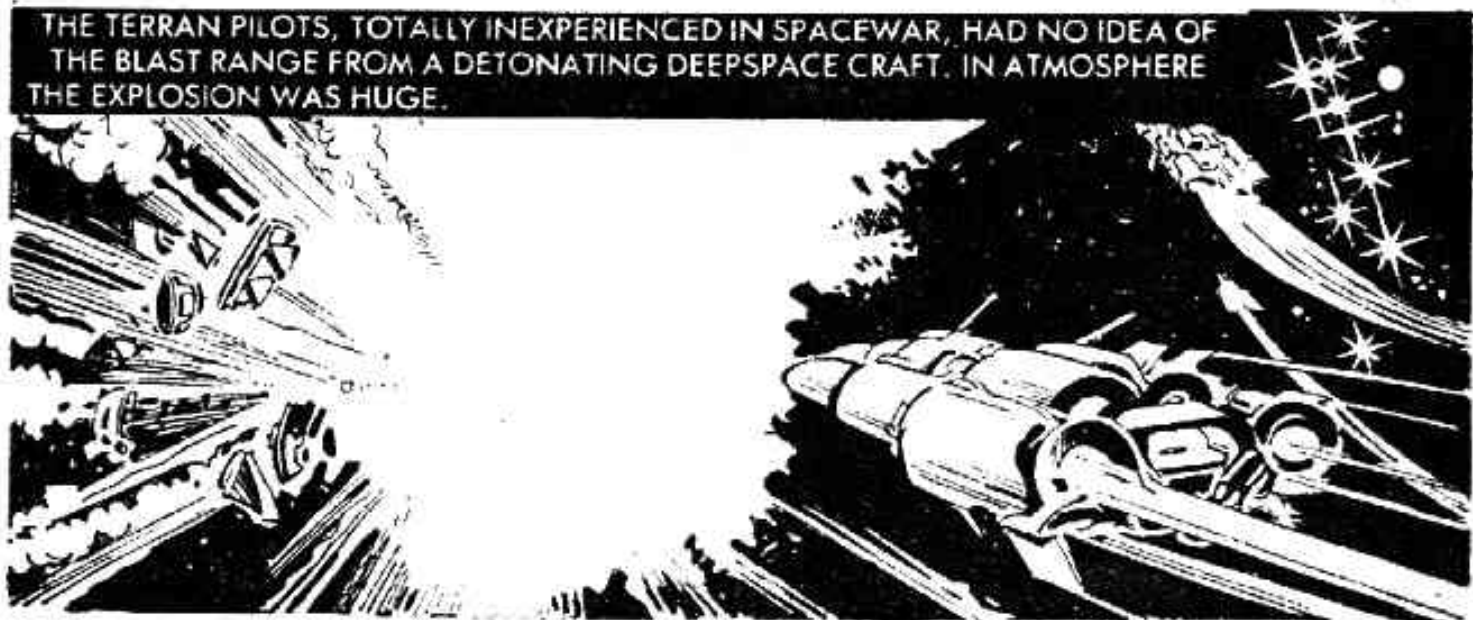
JAN'S OUTNUMBERED FORCE HAD THE FIRST SUCCESS.



THAT'S FINISHED OFF  
ONE! ON TO THE NEXT.



THE TERRAN PILOTS, TOTALLY INEXPERIENCED IN SPACEWAR, HAD NO IDEA OF  
THE BLAST RANGE FROM A DETONATING DEEPSPACE CRAFT. IN ATMOSPHERE  
THE EXPLOSION WAS HUGE.



ONE EXPLOSION DESTROYED OR DAMAGED THE ENTIRE DEFENCE FORCE.

THAT'S THE END OF OUR SPACE  
DEFENCE. I'M GOING TO CRASH IN THE  
NUCLEAR PITS.



NEDERLANT REPORTING CRASH  
POSITION 4368N 2143E.

THAT'S THE SLAV BLOCK, CAN'T  
HELP! WE HAVE OUR HANDS FULL  
HERE. GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!



THE CURT REPLY WAS ALL JAN RECEIVED FROM THE  
OVER-BURNED DEFENDERS OF DOME CITY IN NORTHERN EUROPE.



THE DOME DEFENCES WERE BEING REMORSELESSLY BATTERED.



WITH THE DOME'S SPACE DEFENCE SILENCED, TWO ZAHN TROOPSHIPS CAME IN TO LAND, BUT ONE OF THEM WENT OUT OF CONTROL BECAUSE OF RADIATION AFFECTED EQUIPMENT.



NEXUS WATCHED, AND WAS DISPLEASED.



DOOMWRAITHS OF DRACO!  
LET'S GET ON WITH IT!

THE ZAHN STORMED THE DOME—



BUT HUMAN DETERMINATION COST HUNDREDS OF ZAHN LIVES.





BUT ONCE THE ZAHN STORMTROOPS  
REACHED DOME CITY, THEIR SUPERIOR  
ARMOUR GUARANTEED THEM EASY  
VICTORY.



NARCOTIC GASSES WERE SPRAYED  
AND HAD AN IMMEDIATE EFFECT.



AGAR, THE HEAD TECHNICIAN, WAS THWARTED IN HIS ATTEMPT TO FOIL THE ZAHN.

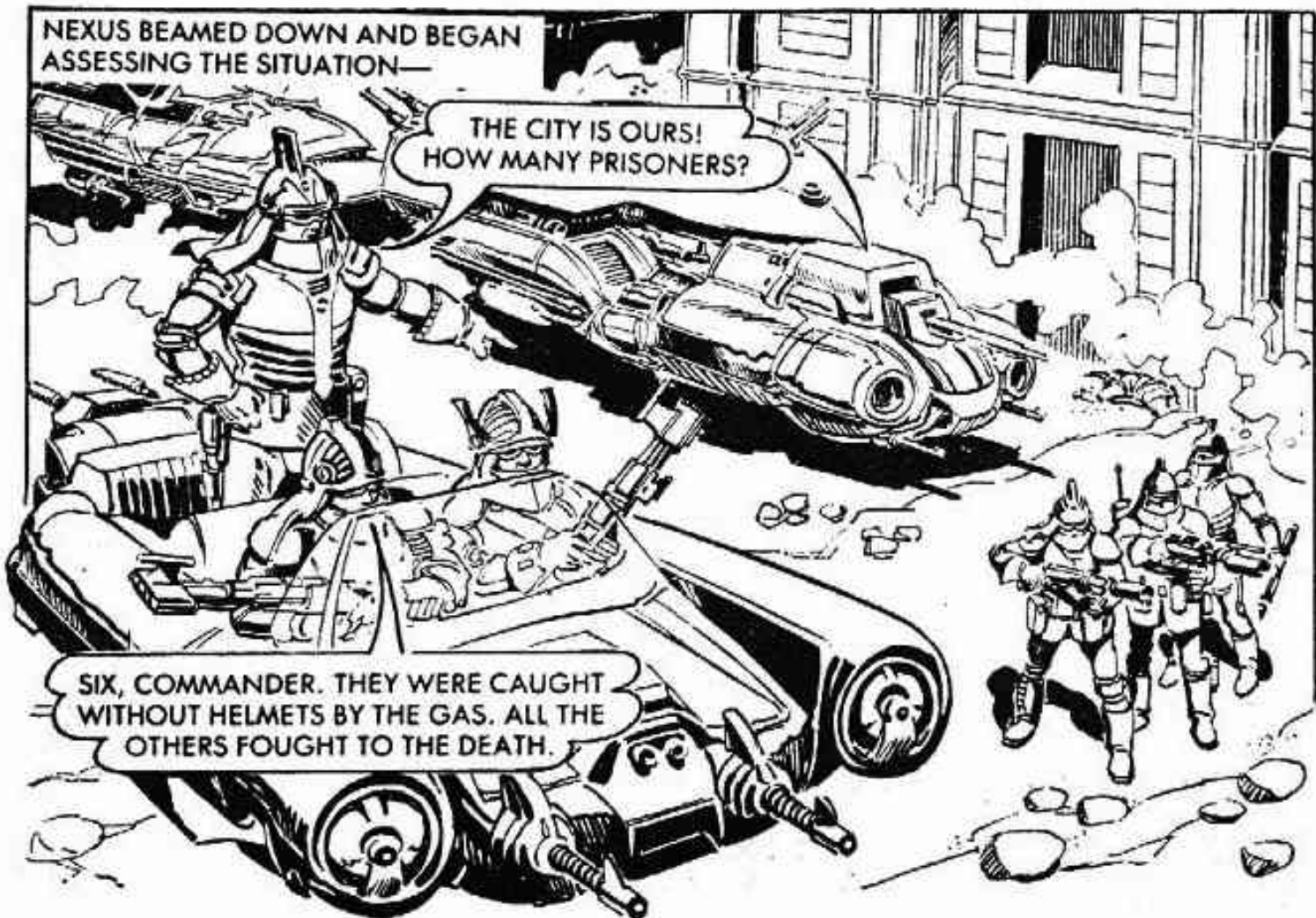
THIS GAS . . . I'VE FAILED TO DESTROY THE CITY.



NEXUS BEAMED DOWN AND BEGAN ASSESSING THE SITUATION—

THE CITY IS OURS!  
HOW MANY PRISONERS?

SIX, COMMANDER. THEY WERE CAUGHT WITHOUT HELMETS BY THE GAS. ALL THE OTHERS FOUGHT TO THE DEATH.





USING STANDARD TRANSLATOR PACKS LONG, BRUTAL SESSIONS OF BEATINGS FOLLOWED, AS NEXUS TRIED TO GAIN THE INFORMATION HE REQUIRED.



ONCE OUTSIDE—



THREE SCIENTISTS WERE SHUTTLED DOWN FROM THE LABSHIP TO COLLATE AGAR'S INFORMATION—

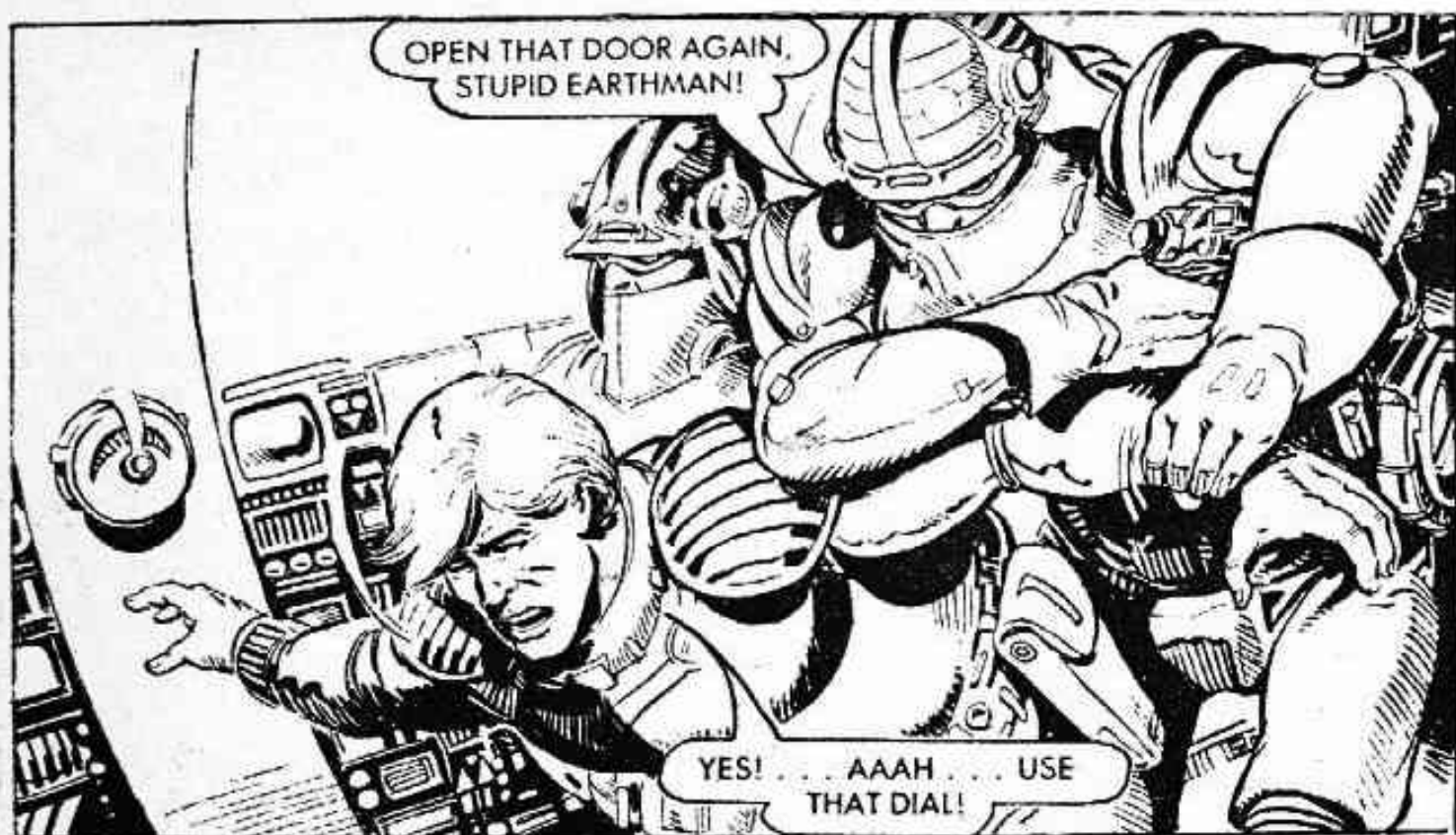


UNKNOWN TO THE ZAHN, THE LAB DOOR COULD BE ACCOUSTICALLY OPERATED BY CERTAIN PERSONNEL — AND AGAR WAS ONE OF THEM.

AGAR — SHUT!







BUT THE DIAL COULD ONLY BE USED BY PERSONNEL WHOSE HANDPRINTS HAD BEEN CODED IN. FOR THOSE WHOSE HANDPRINTS WEREN'T RECOGNISED — A CHARGE OF ELECTROSTUN.



IN THE CONFUSION, AGAR LEAPT FOR THE AUTO-DESTRUCT DEVICE—

NOW FOR THE  
DESTRUCT BUTTON!

MALFUNCTION! THE  
ELECTRICAL FIRESTORM  
MUST HAVE FUSED THE  
APPARATUS.



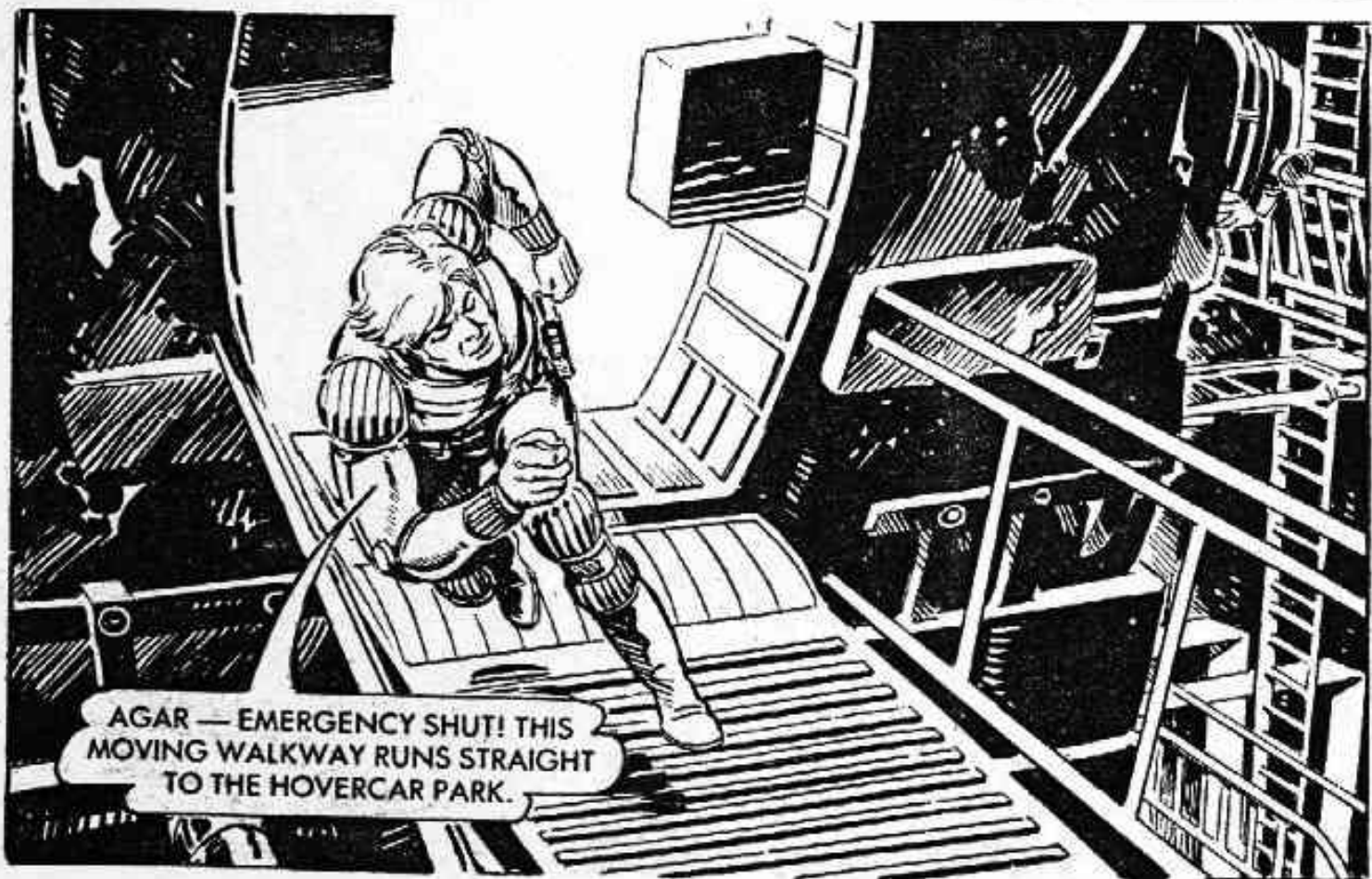


HE TURNED TO HIS  
LAST MEANS OF ESCAPE.

AGAR — EMERGENCY OPEN!

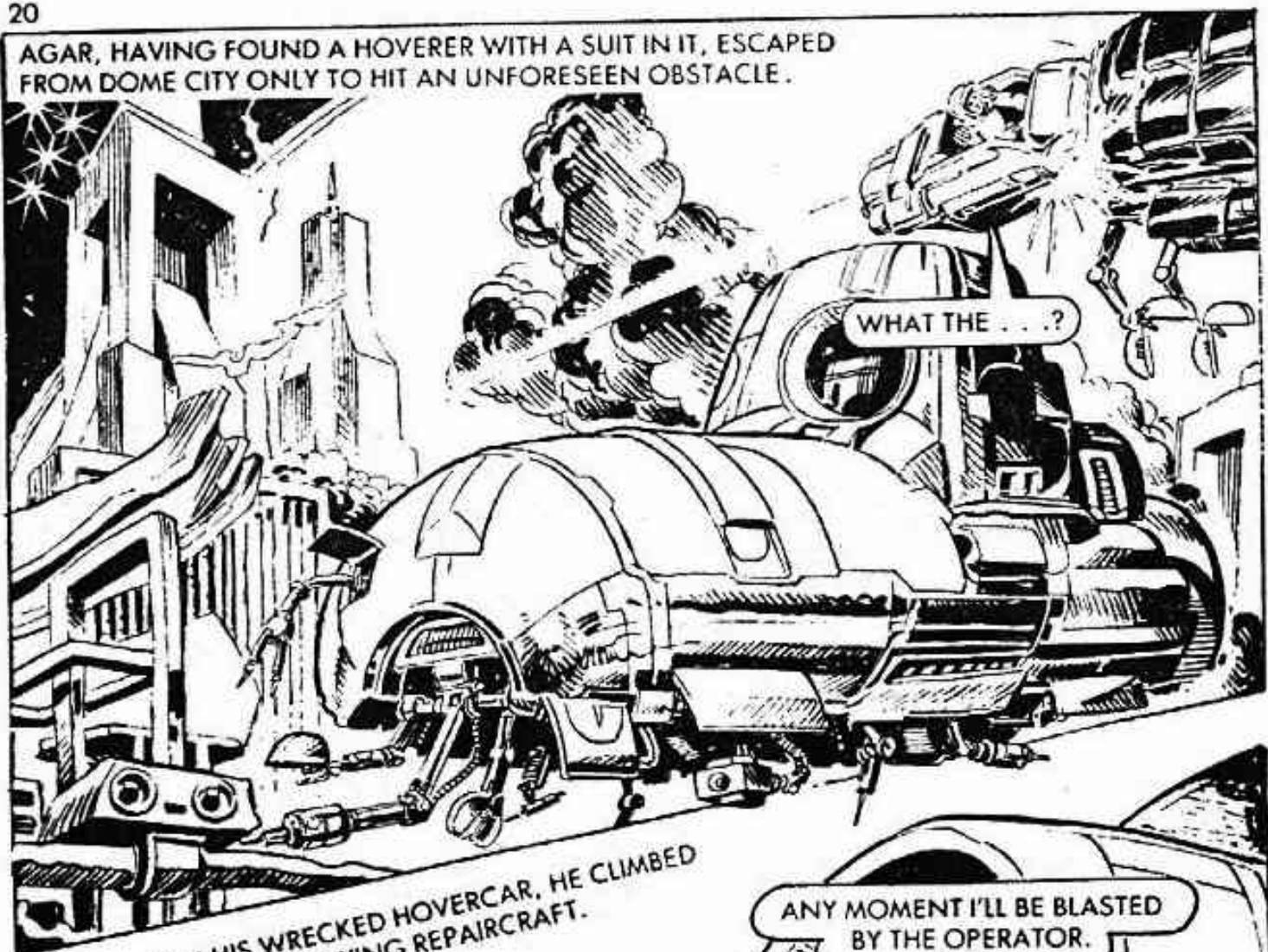


AGAR — EMERGENCY SHUT! THIS  
MOVING WALKWAY RUNS STRAIGHT  
TO THE HOVERCAR PARK.





AGAR, HAVING FOUND A HOVERER WITH A SUIT IN IT, ESCAPED FROM DOME CITY ONLY TO HIT AN UNFORESEEN OBSTACLE.



FLUNG FROM HIS WRECKED HOVERCAR, HE CLIMBED DESPERATELY UP THE FLYING REPAIRCRAFT.

ANY MOMENT I'LL BE BLASTED BY THE OPERATOR.





AGAR REACHED THE COCKPIT OF THE CRAFT, TO FIND IT UNMANNED—

SURPRISE, SURPRISE! FULLY AUTOMATED!  
IF I CAN CONTROL IT MANUALLY, I  
COULD PROBABLY REACH JAN.

AGAR SUCCEEDED IN GAINING CONTROL AND  
FED IN THE SLAV BLOC CO-ORDINATES.

THERE HE IS, AND ALIVE! WHAT A  
DIABOLICAL HELLHOLE TO COME DOWN IN!



BUT THERE WAS NO TIME FOR REPAIRS — A ZAHN PURSUER HAD TRACKED THEM DOWN.





THE ZAHN CRAFT LANDED, AND THE TROOPERS FILED OUT—



WE HAVE TO VERIFY THERE ARE NO SURVIVORS.

SUDDENLY, THE REPAIRCRAFT SWEEPED DOWN—



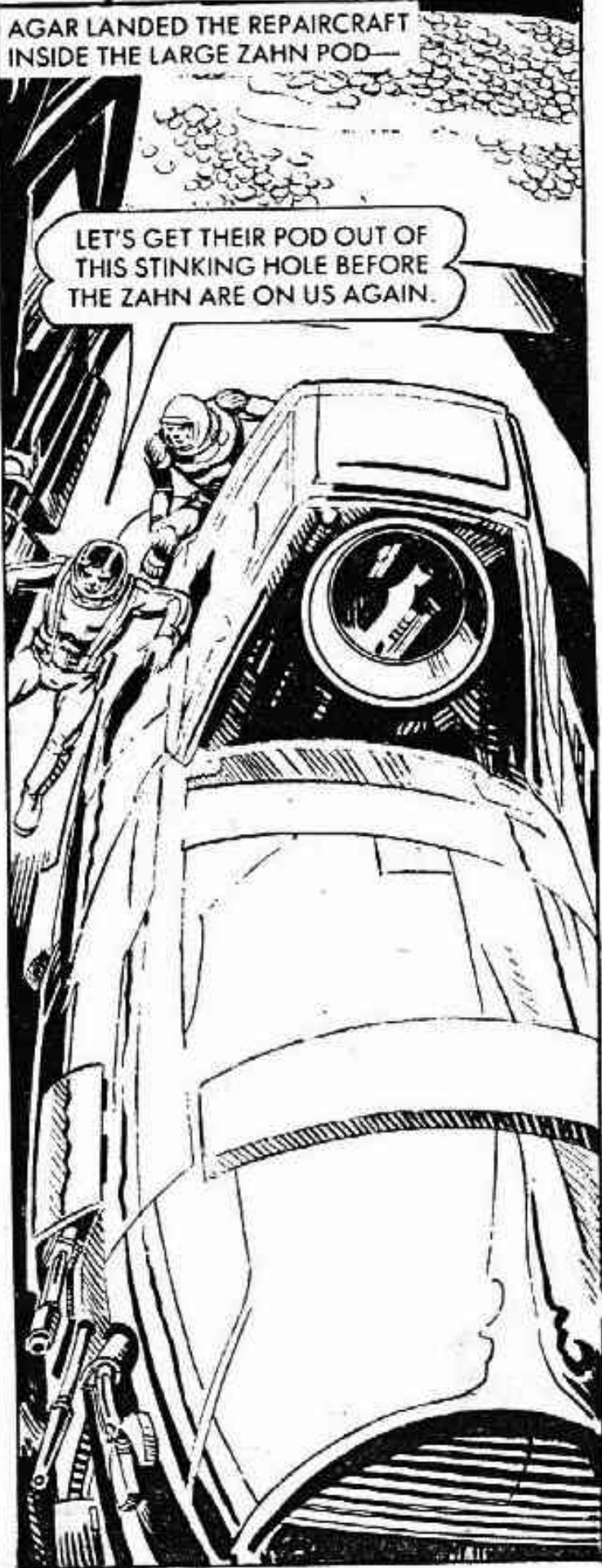
WHAT IS THAT?

AGAR'S HIT AND RUN TACTICS  
CONFUSED THE ZAHN.



AGAR LANDED THE REPAIRCRAFT  
INSIDE THE LARGE ZAHN POD—

LET'S GET THEIR POD OUT OF  
THIS STINKING HOLE BEFORE  
THE ZAHN ARE ON US AGAIN.



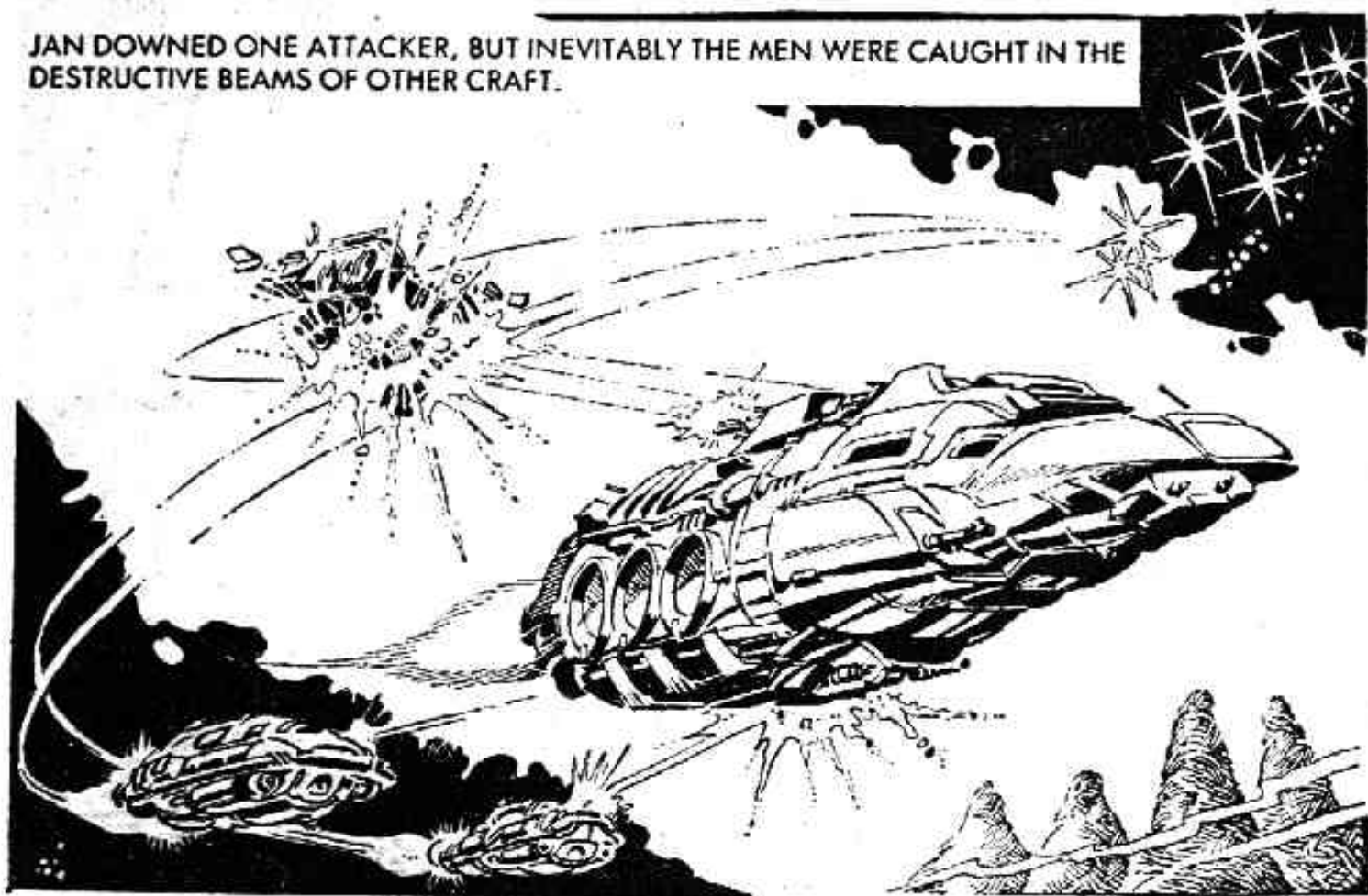


AS THEY LIFTED OFF, OTHER PURSUIT CRAFT ARRIVED—

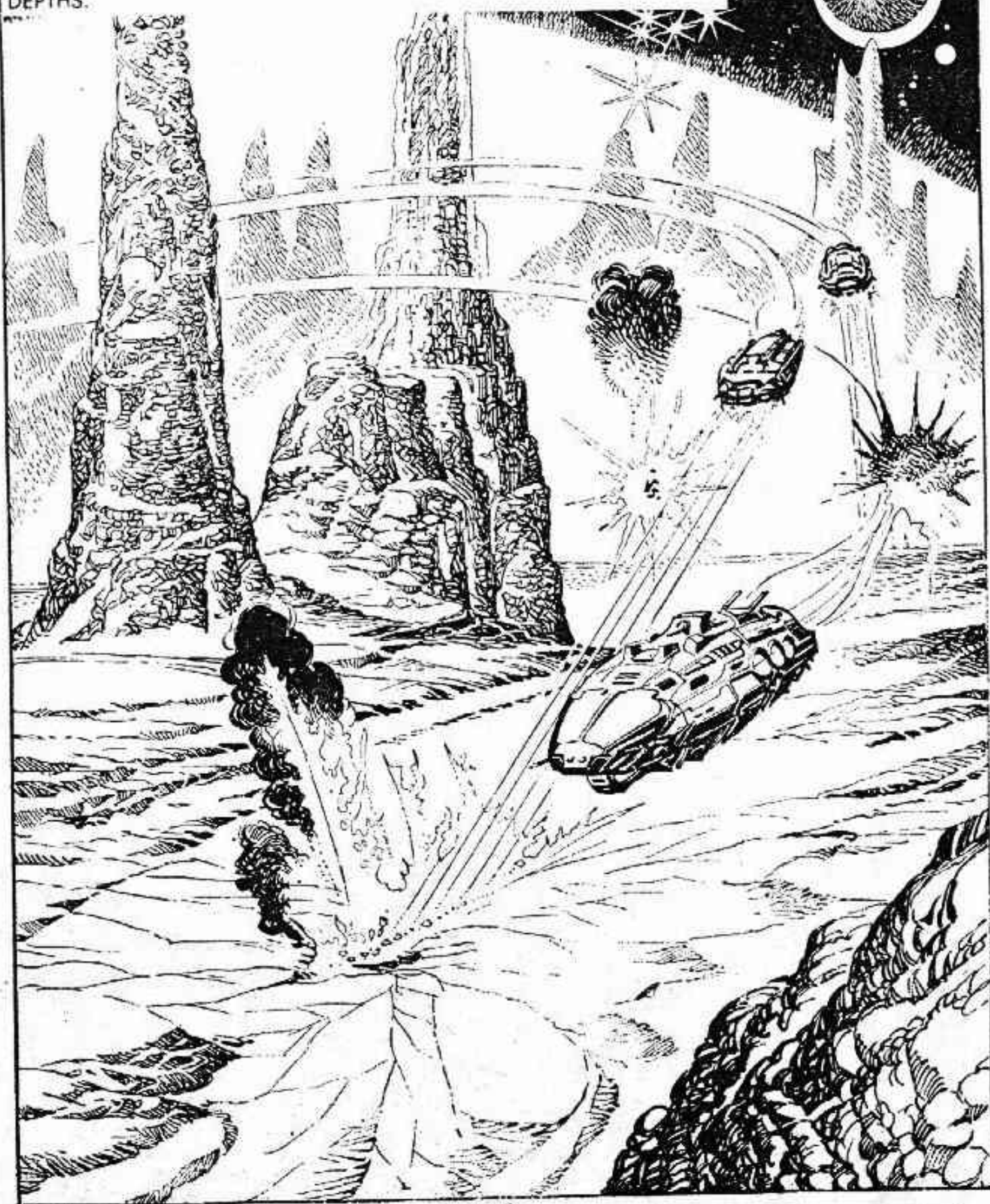
THEY'RE GAINING  
ON US, JAN.

THAT'S WHY I'M HEADING FOR SILICON  
DESERT. IT'S THE ONLY PLACE WHERE  
WE'D STAND A CHANCE IF WE'RE  
BROUGHT DOWN.

JAN DOWNED ONE ATTACKER, BUT INEVITABLY THE MEN WERE CAUGHT IN THE  
DESTRUCTIVE BEAMS OF OTHER CRAFT.



THE ZAHN'S LASER FIRE CRACKED THE THIN GLASSY CRUST OF THE SILICON DESERT, AND MOLTEN FIERY MATERIAL SPURTED UP FROM THE DEPTHS.



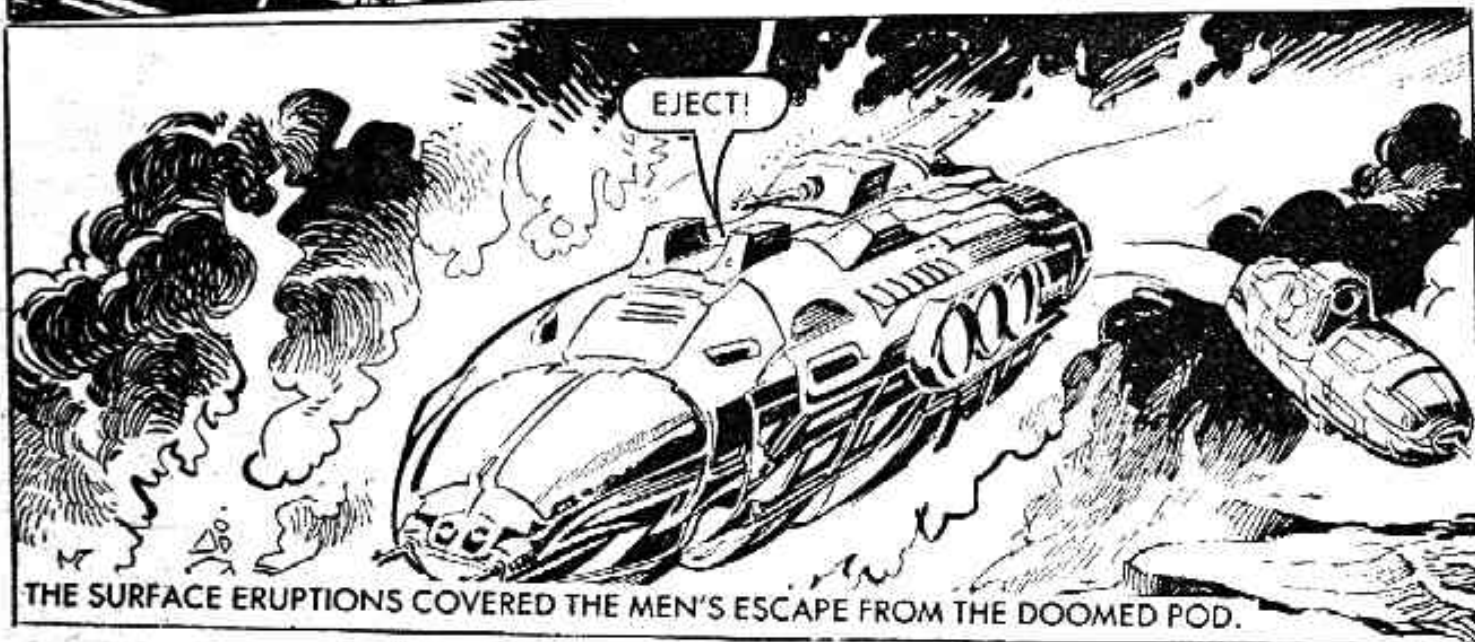


THEY DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE REPAIRSHIP.



HURRY IT UP, AGAR, BEFORE  
THIS CRAFT DETONATES.

EJECT!



THE SURFACE ERUPTIONS COVERED THE MEN'S ESCAPE FROM THE DOOMED POD.

AGAR AND JAN REACHED THE SURFACE UNSEEN.



THEY ARE CHASING THAT POD  
BEYOND THE HORIZON. I THINK  
WE'VE LOST THEM NOW.

IF THEY DESTROY IT THEY'LL THINK WE  
DIED IN IT.

THE REPAIRCRAFT SET OFF LOW AT A MODERATE RATE TO CONSERVE FUEL.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE  
YOU ARE GOING?

YES . . . BACK TO THE DOME. IT'S A  
COUPLE OF THOUSAND MILES. SO SIT BACK.

THEY STOPPED FREQUENTLY TO SEARCH ABANDONED STATIONS FOR ANYTHING THAT  
WOULD HELP THEM FIGHT THE ZAHN.

AN OLD HYDROPONIC CANOPY! USED TO  
GROW FOOD FOR ONE OF THE DEAD CITIES.

LET'S SEE WHAT  
WE CAN FIND.



THERE YOU ARE, WATER, AND EVEN  
SOME FOOD PLANTS GROWING WILD.



A SURVIVAL KIT —  
THAT IS HANDY.



THEY CONTINUED, SKIPPING THE GREAT ACID SEA, KEEPING THE SILICON DESERT TO ONE SIDE.



SUDDENLY THE CRAFT HEADED DIRECT FOR DOME CITY — OVER THE ACID SEA.





ON INVESTIGATION THEY DISCOVERED THE CRAFT WAS BEING RECALLED BECAUSE OF FUEL SHORTAGE.

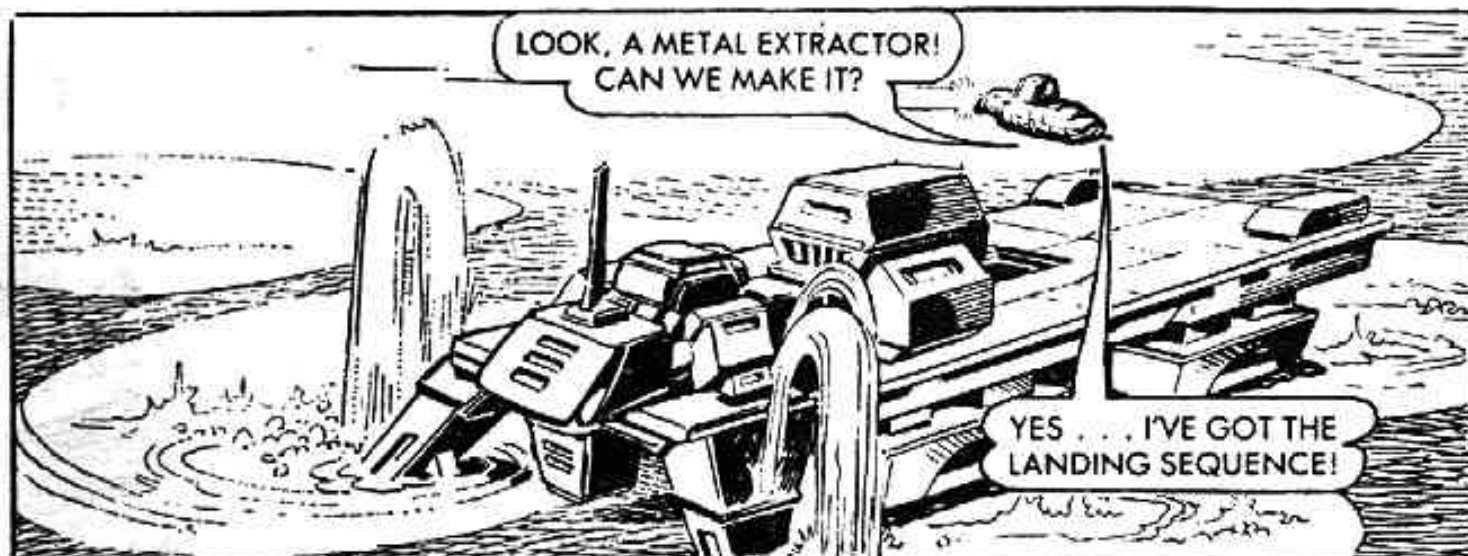


I CAN PROGRAMME A LANDING . . .



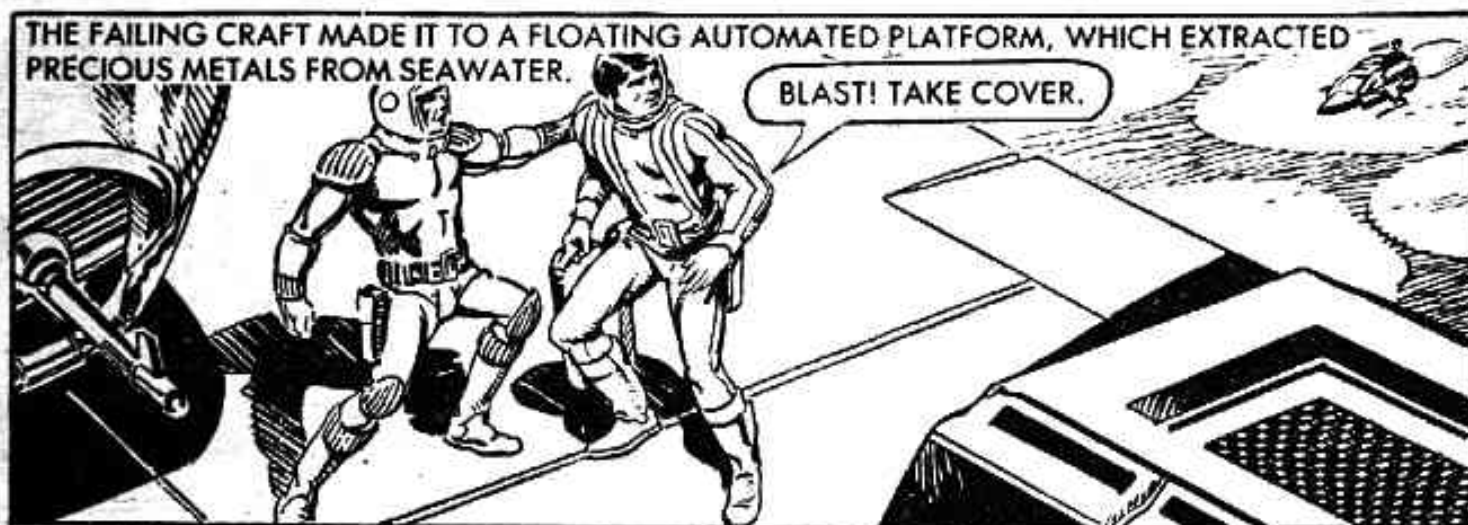
WE WOULDN'T LAST TEN SECONDS IN THE ACID.

LOOK, A METAL EXTRACTOR!  
CAN WE MAKE IT?

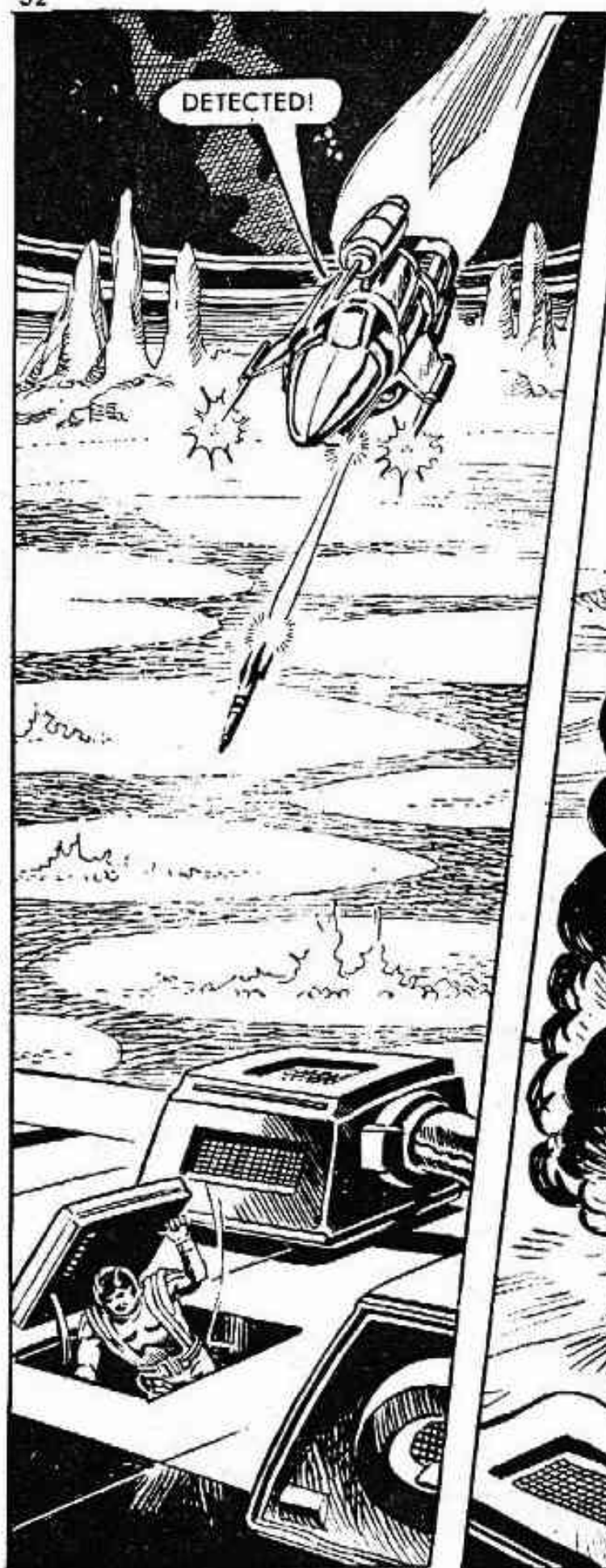


YES . . . I'VE GOT THE  
LANDING SEQUENCE!

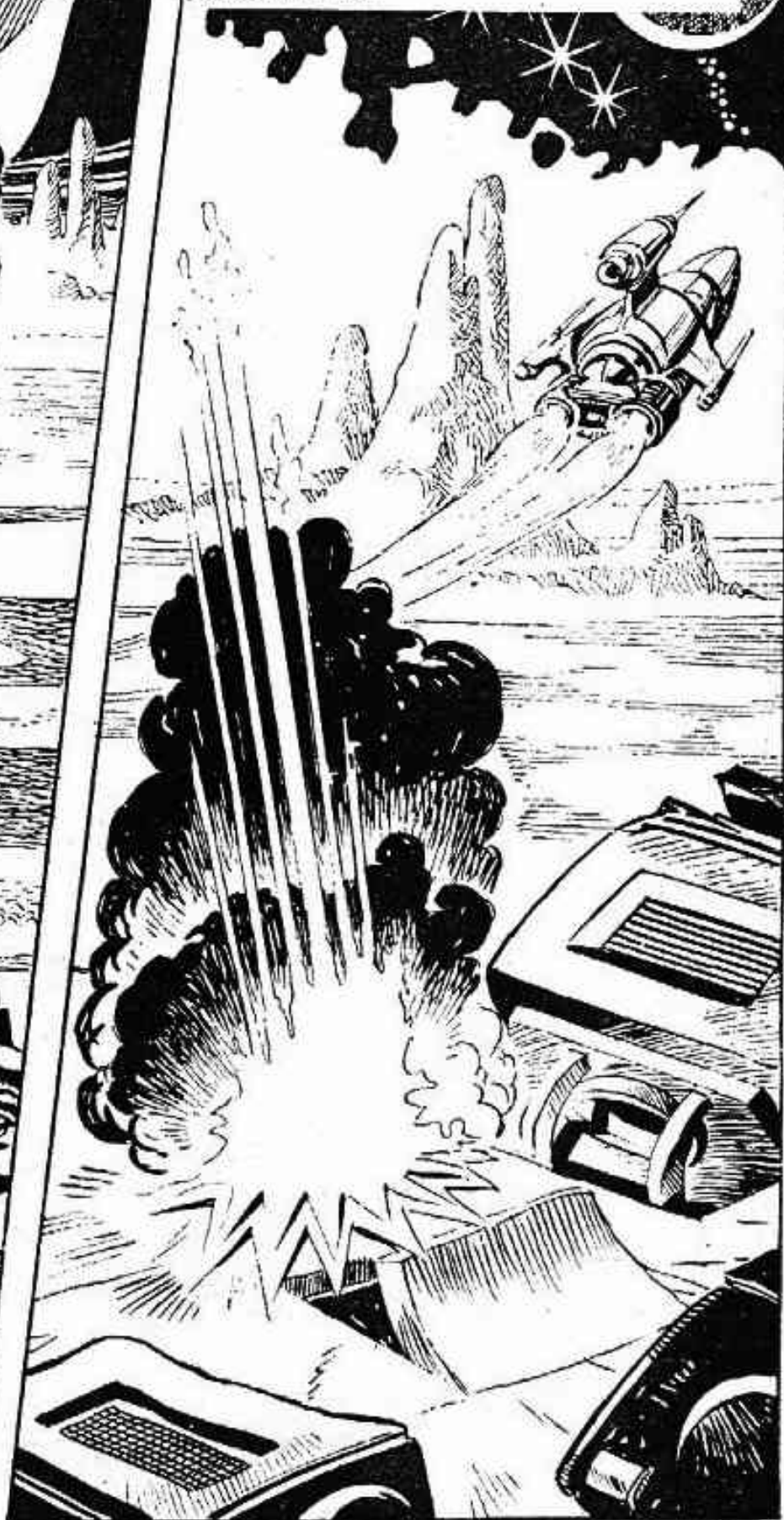
THE FAILING CRAFT MADE IT TO A FLOATING AUTOMATED PLATFORM, WHICH EXTRACTED PRECIOUS METALS FROM SEAWATER.



BLAST! TAKE COVER.



AGAR AND JAN HAD SCARCELY FOUND A REFUGE BEFORE IT WAS BLASTED FROM UNDER THEM.





CAREFUL! IF OUR SUITS ONLY GET WET  
THEY'LL BE EATEN THROUGH IN NO TIME AT  
ALL.



THE ZAHN CRAFT LEFT, AND THE TWO HUMANS SET COURSE FOR THE DOME CITY. IN A  
BARGE-CRAFT.



AFTER MANY UNITS TRAVEL THEY NEARED  
DOME CITY—



MASTER CONTROL IS CALLING THE  
CRAFT HOME FOR THE NIGHT — I'D  
LIKE TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE  
PARKED!



THEY HEADED ACROSS THE RADIATED GROUND TO THE DOME.





THE MEN REACHED THE DOME CITY'S HYDROPONIC CENTRE, BUT WERE SPOTTED.



AGAR AND JAN DROVE THE HOVERER DOWN THE HALF-SUBMERGED TUNNEL CONNECTING THE HYDROPONIC WITH DOME CITY.

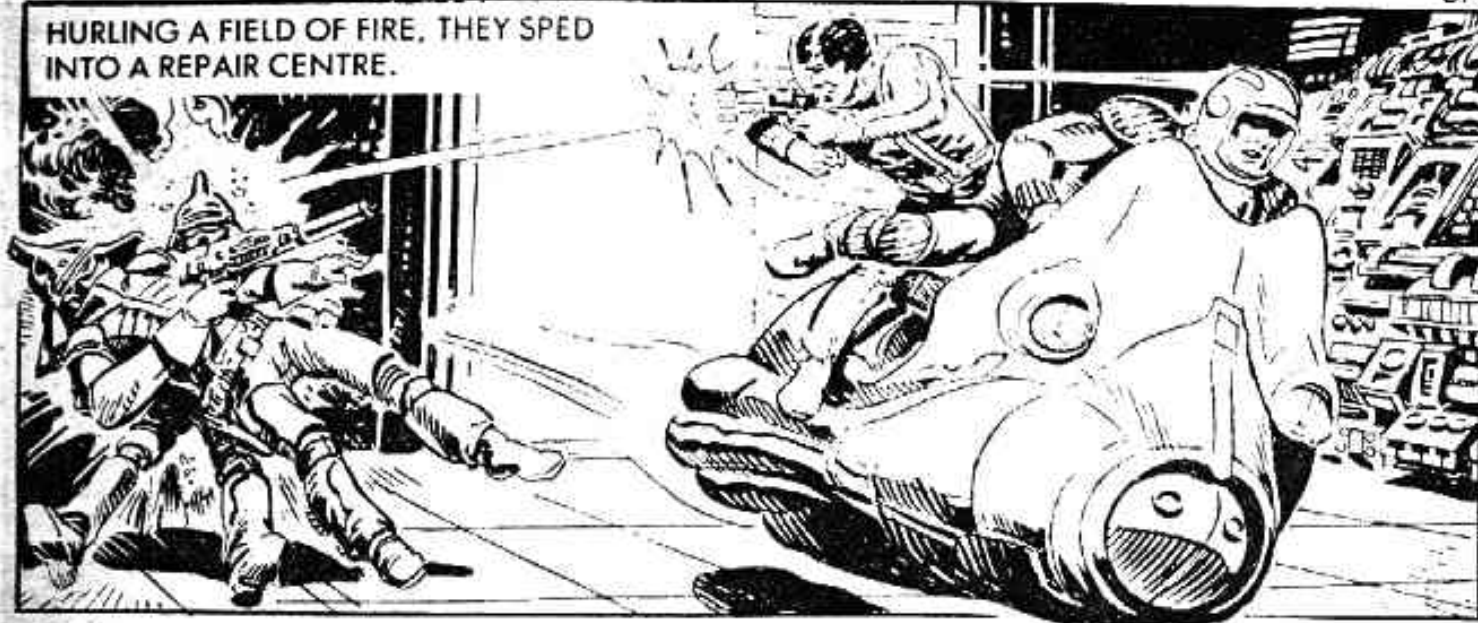


THEY REACHED THE END OF THE CONNECTING TUNNEL AND SHOT PAST ASTONISHED GUARDS INTO DOME CITY.





HURLING A FIELD OF FIRE, THEY SPED INTO A REPAIR CENTRE.

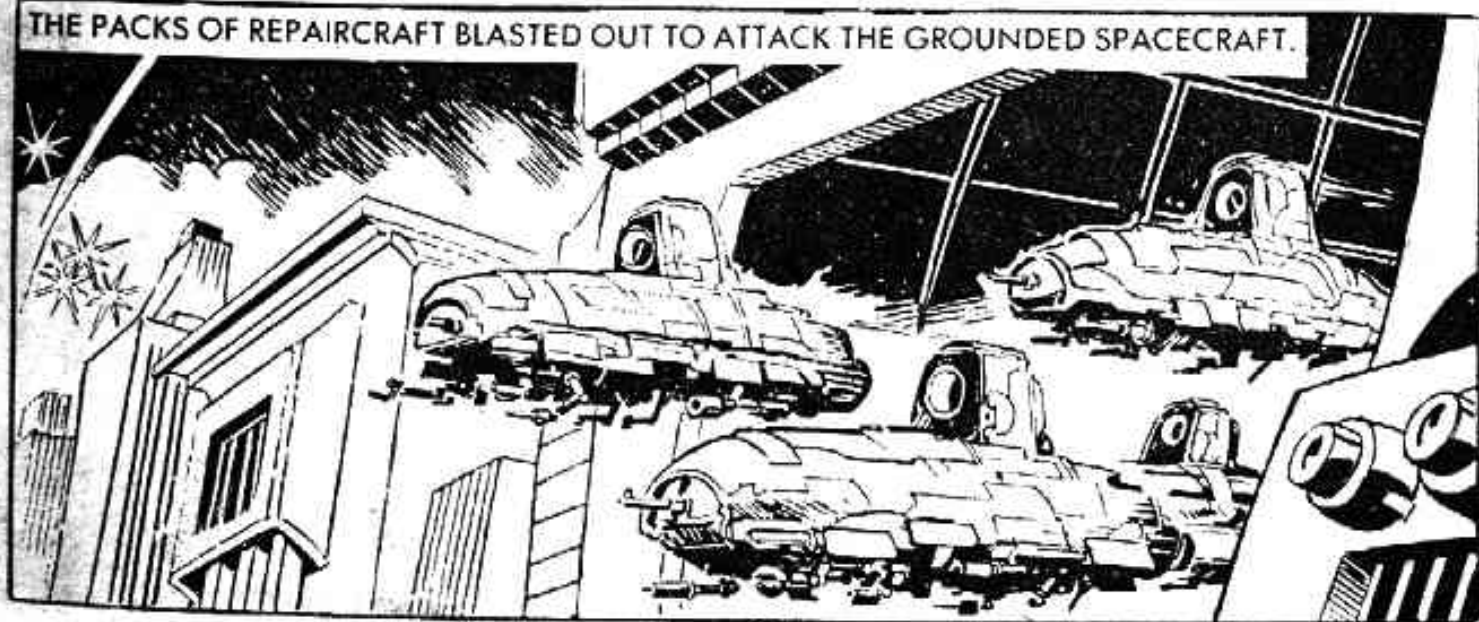


AGAR SET TO WORK—

I'VE PROGRAMMED ALL THE REPAIRCRAFT TO DEMOLISH VARIOUS TARGETS. WHILE THE ZAHN TRY TO STOP THEM . . . WE HEAD FOR THE BACK-UP COMPUTER.



THE PACKS OF REPAIRCRAFT BLASTED OUT TO ATTACK THE GROUNDED SPACECRAFT.



THE REPAIRCRAFT, DESIGNED TO WORK WITH THE TOUGHEST METALS AND FORCEFIELDS, FOUND LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN BREAKING DOWN THE ZAHN CRAFT'S DEFENCES.

THAT'S CAUSING THEM PROBLEMS.

NEXUS PLANNED A HASTY RETREAT—

RUN! MY ENTIRE FLEET  
LOST EXCEPT FOR THE LABSHIP.



NEXUS CALLED DOWN THE LABSHIP AND  
TRANSFERRED TO IT.

I NOW MAKE THE SCIENCE SHIP MY  
HQ. YOU KEEP A TIGHT GRIP ON  
DOME CITY. GUARD OUR  
RESEARCHERS.

UNDER COVER OF THE ATTACK, AGAR AND  
JAN HEADED FOR THE BACK-UP  
COMPUTER.



IT WAS A SHORT STEALTHY JOURNEY TO THE BACK-UP COMPUTER, AS YET UNDISCOVERED BY THE ZAHN.



BOTH OF US HAVE  
HANDPRINT AUTHORISATION.

I'M TUNING SOUND AND VID  
TO THE RESEARCH CENTRE.



THE TWO MEN HEARD A ZAHN PLAN—


THE EARTHLING'S EXPERIMENTS CONCERN THE  
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN THE EFFECTS OF  
GRAVITY, BY CHANGING MOLECULAR DENSITY.



OUR EXPERIMENTS CONCERN THE SAME END.  
BUT BY USING PARTICLE ACCELERATION,  
COMBINE THE TWO AND WE HAVE ANTI-  
GRAVITY.








IN LESS THAN AN HOUR THEY'LL HAVE  
ANTI-GRAVITY, AND WE CAN'T STOP  
THEM.

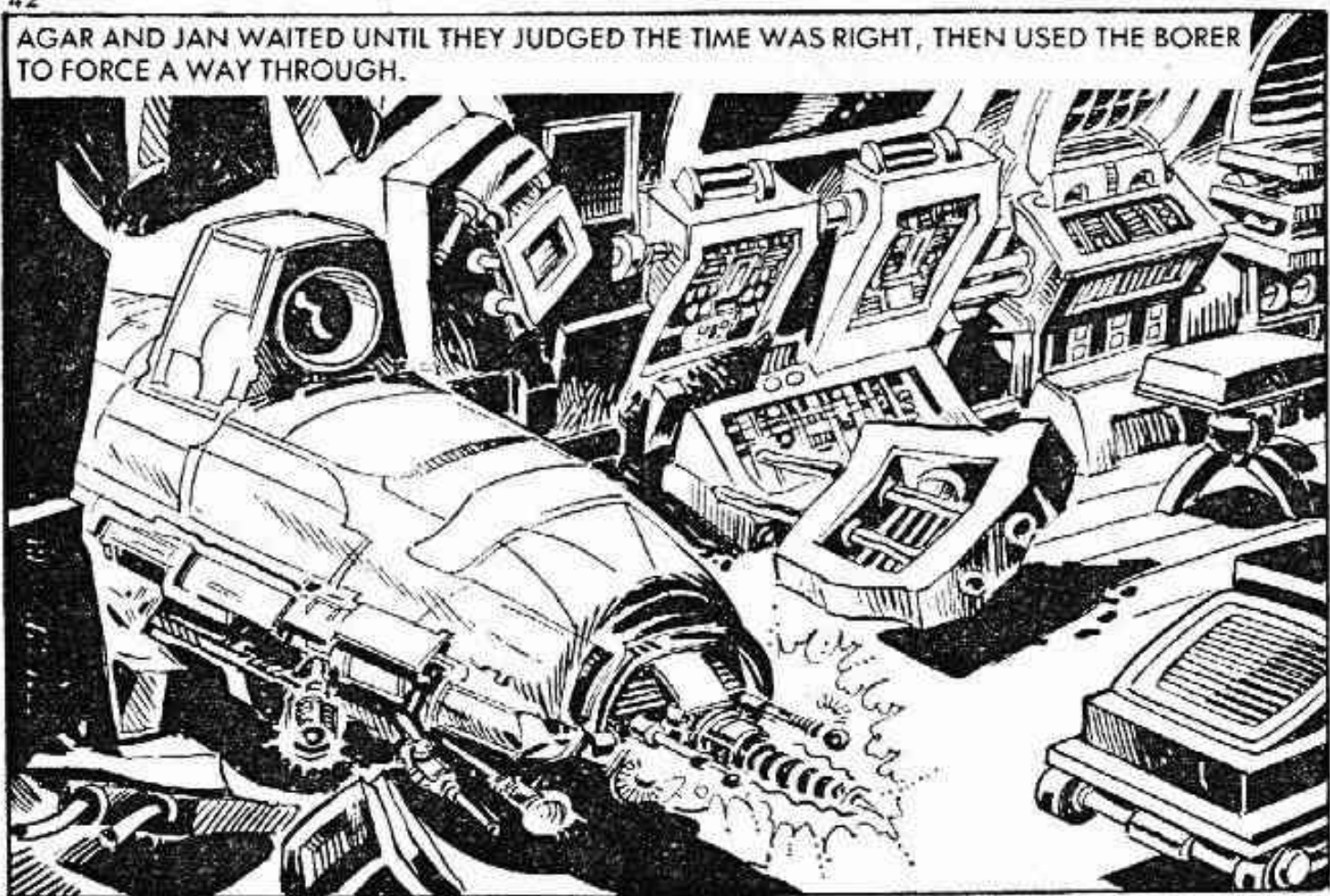
NO! SO WE'LL LET THEM  
FINISH, THEN WE TAKE OVER.

AGAR AND JAN CREPT BACK TO THE HOVPARK.

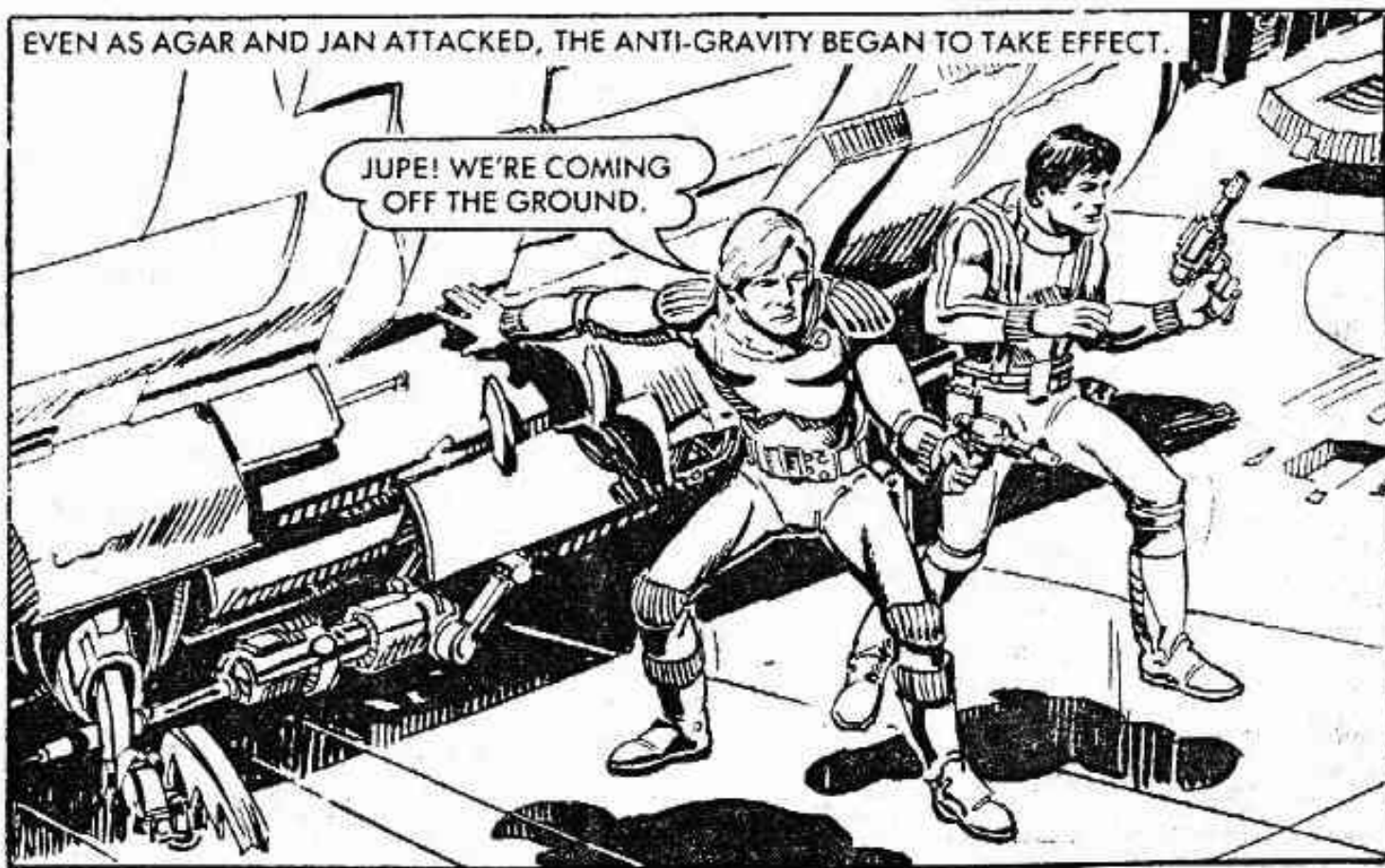


WITH THIS BORE WE CAN BREAK  
IN TO THE RESEARCH CENTRE.

AGAR AND JAN WAITED UNTIL THEY JUDGED THE TIME WAS RIGHT, THEN USED THE BORER TO FORCE A WAY THROUGH.

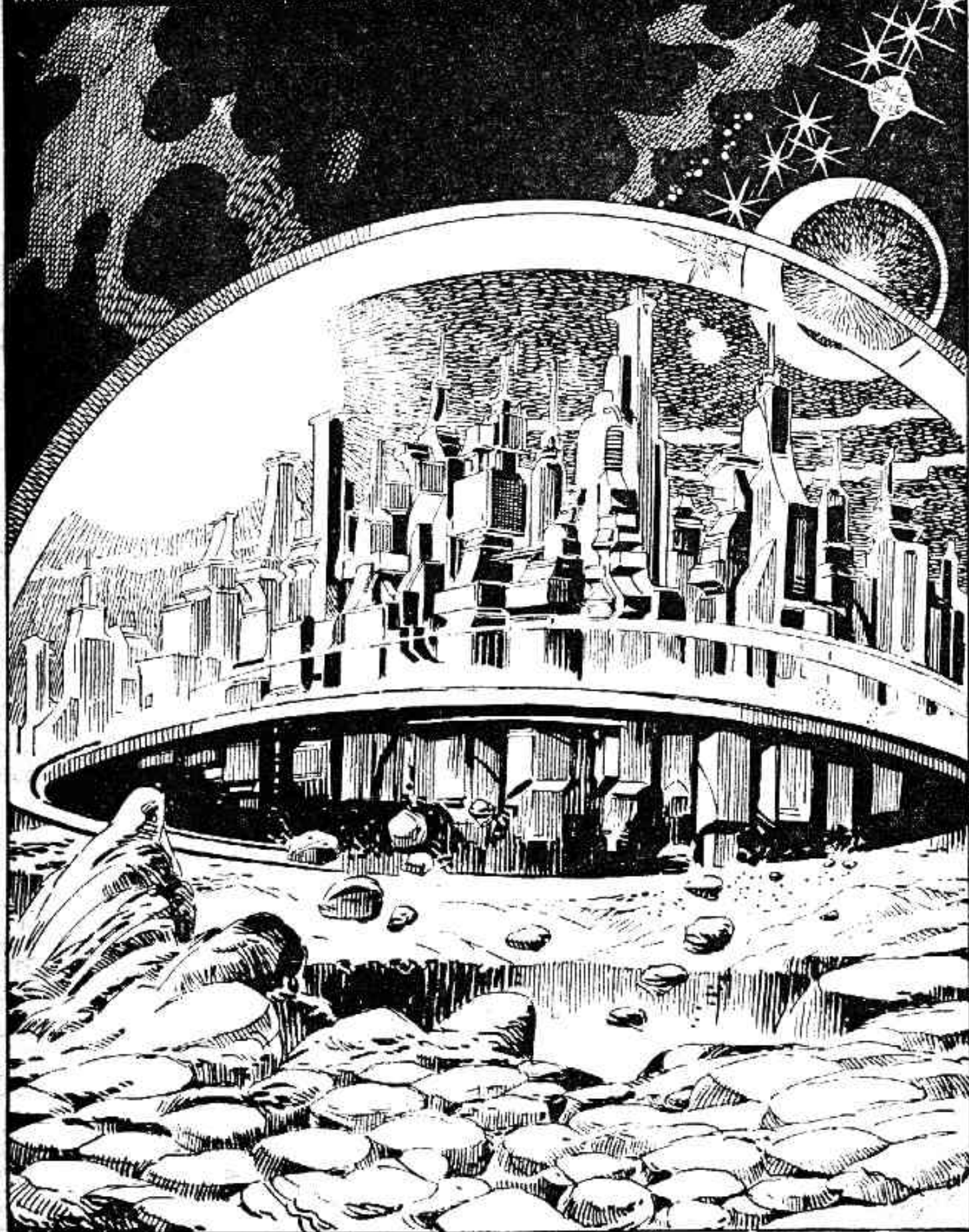


EVEN AS AGAR AND JAN ATTACKED, THE ANTI-GRAVITY BEGAN TO TAKE EFFECT.

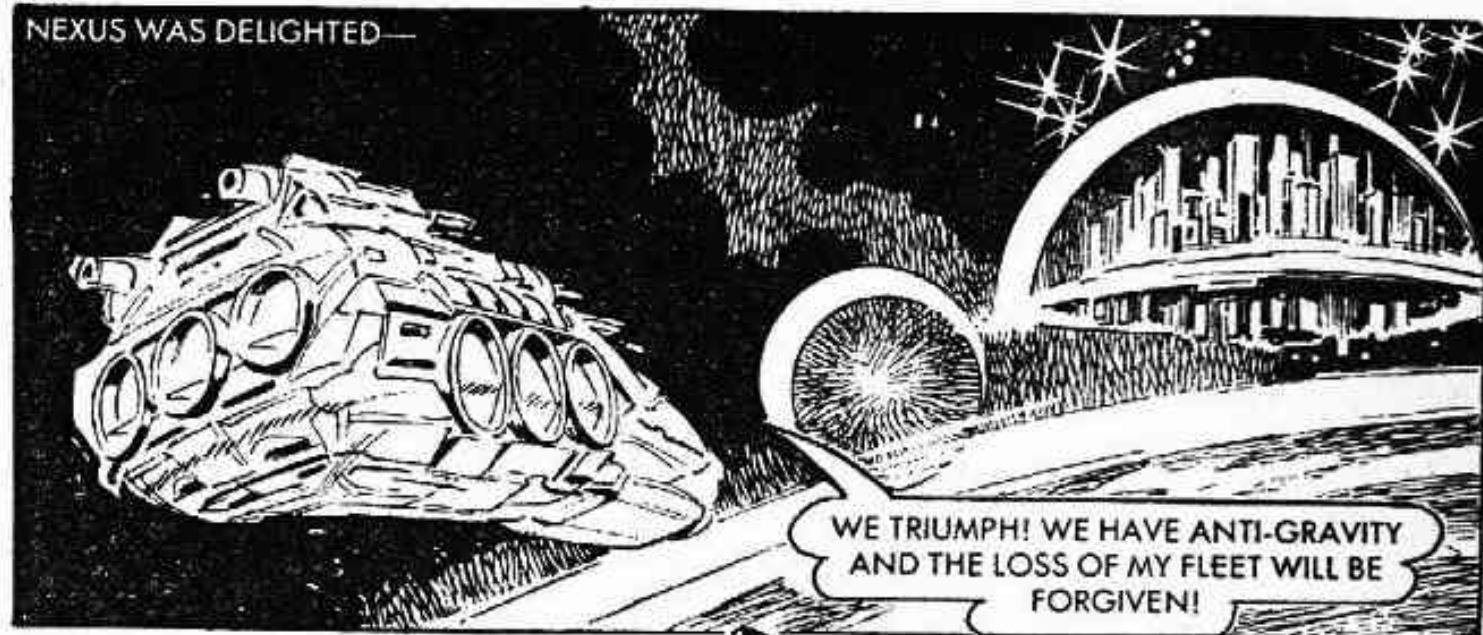




WITH A ROAR THE DOME'S FOUNDATIONS PULLED FREE AND ALBA ACCELERATED UPWARDS.



NEXUS WAS DELIGHTED—





ON A VIDSCREEN, THE TWO WATCHED—

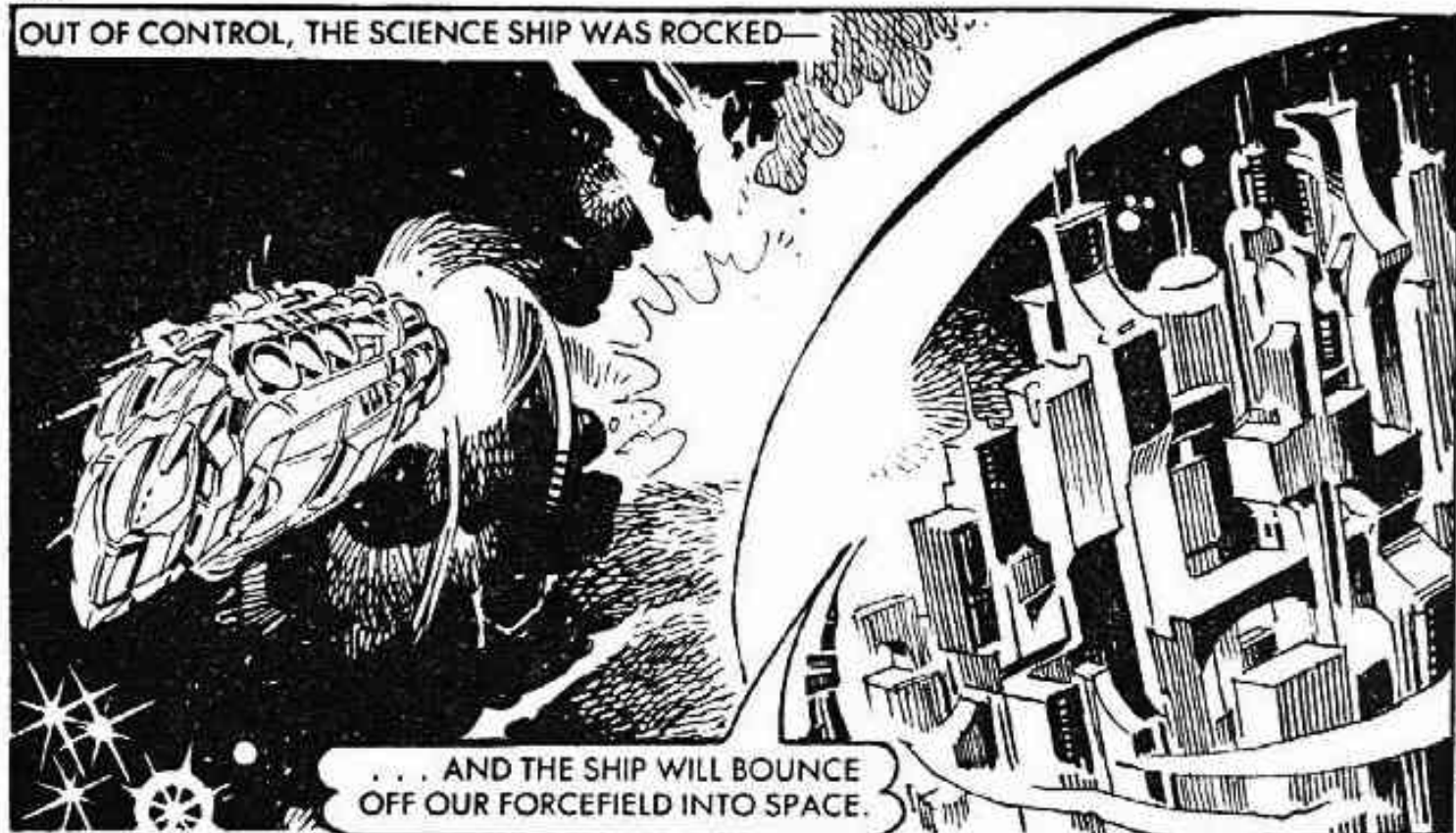
THEY THINK WE  
ARE TRAPPED . . .



. . . BUT IF I STEP UP FIELD  
POWER, THE BEAM WILL CONTRACT . . .

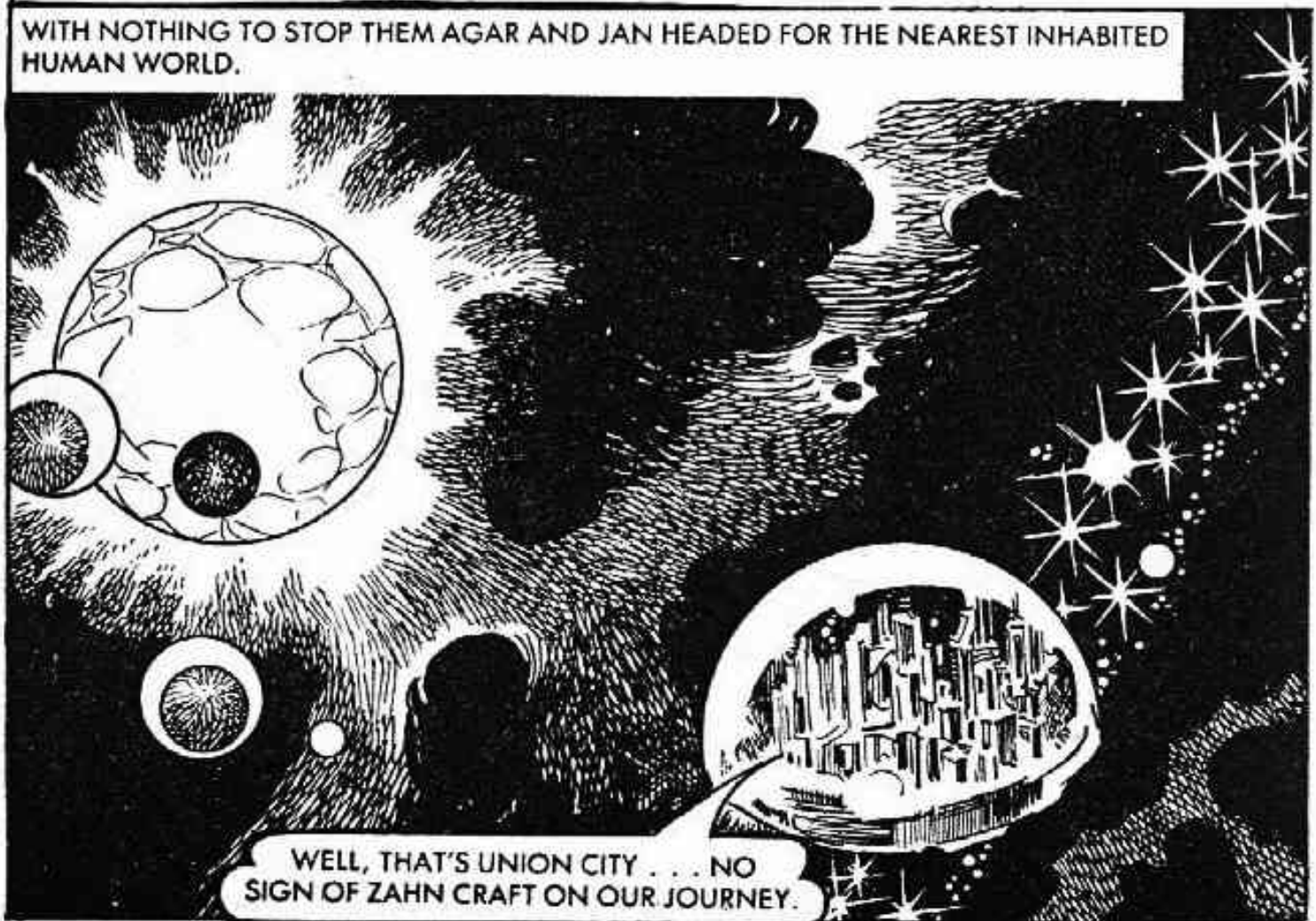


OUT OF CONTROL, THE SCIENCE SHIP WAS ROCKED—



... AND THE SHIP WILL BOUNCE  
OFF OUR FORCEFIELD INTO SPACE.

WITH NOTHING TO STOP THEM AGAR AND JAN HEADED FOR THE NEAREST INHABITED  
HUMAN WORLD.



WELL, THAT'S UNION CITY . . . NO  
SIGN OF ZAHN CRAFT ON OUR JOURNEY.



BUT AGAR HAD SPOKEN TOO SOON.

THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'VE  
ALREADY CAPTURED UNION CITY.

NEALL TRIED TO RUN FOR THE NEXT STAR  
SYSTEM, BUT ZAHN MISSILES SPED TOWARDS  
THEM.



THE MISSILES ARE FLOATING!  
THEY'VE LOST ALL SPEED!

OF COURSE! THERE'S NO  
MOMENTUM OR INERTIA INSIDE THE  
NON-GRAVFIELD. NOW IF I  
CONTRACT THE FIELD? . . .



THE NEUTRON SHELL WAS DRAWN IN. THE MISSILES, FREED FROM THE NULL GRAVITY FIELD, SPED AWAY—

EVEN AS THE DOME CITY HEADED FOR ANOTHER PLANET, FORGOTTEN ZAHN INCHED THEIR WAY THROUGH ALBA'S HYDROPONIC UNIT.





AGAR AND JAN WERE SURPRISED—

DO NOT MOVE . . . I SHALL HAVE THE  
GREATEST PLEASURE IN ATOMISING  
YOUR HEAD.



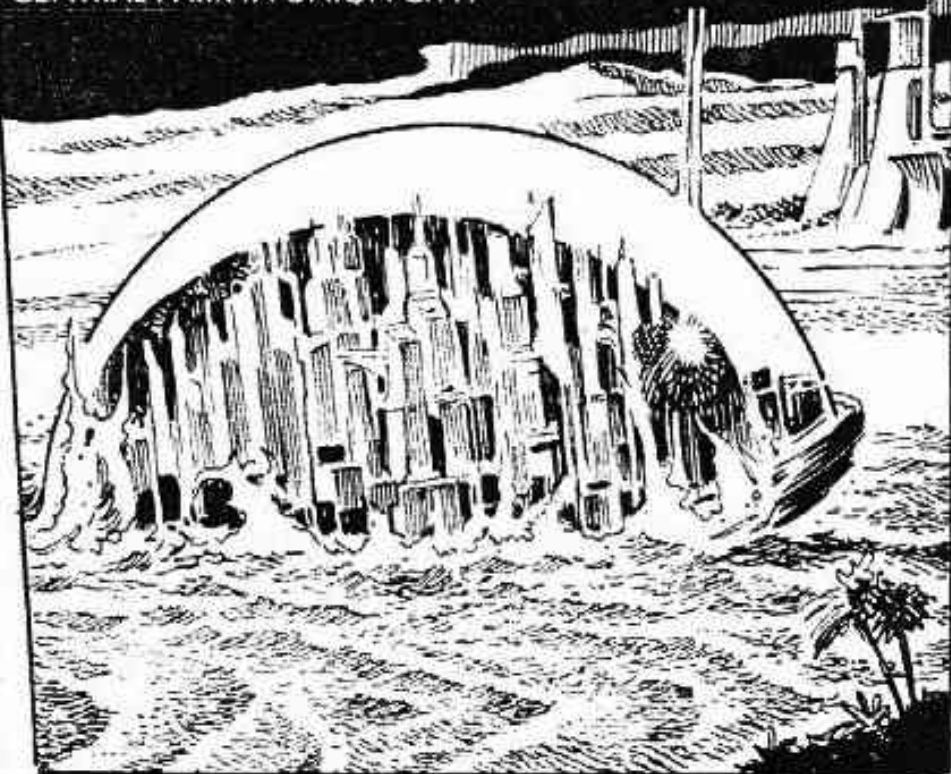
THE ZAHN COULD GET NO INFORMATION FROM  
AGAR, SO THEY TINKERED WITH THE APPARATUS.



HOME CITY FELL,  
PARTIALLY OUT OF  
CONTROL, AS THE ZAHN  
GAINED CONTROL BY  
TRIAL AND ERROR.



THE EXPERIMENTING ZAHN GRADUALLY MASTERED THE  
CONTROLS AND MADE A VERY ROUGH LANDING ON  
CENTRAL PARK IN UNION CITY.



JAN WAS THE FIRST TO RECOVER—





WHILE JAN ESCAPED, AGAR WAS TAKEN TO AN INTERROGATION CENTRE.

WE HAVE ONE OF THE  
TERRANS, AND HE WILL TALK.



JAN HAD A HARD DAY IN UNION CITY TRYING TO STAY FREE. JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO SURRENDER.



THE PEOPLE OF UNION CITY HAD TRIED TO STOP THE ZAHN INVASION, BUT FAILED. SOME HAD FLED TO SAFE PLACES AND IT WAS TO ONE OF THESE THAT JAN WAS BEING TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF THE RESISTANCE.



JAN WAS TAKEN TO THE LEADER AND PLANS LAID.





THEY ASSEMBLED WHAT FEW WEAPONS THEY HAD—

WE HAVE MOST OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO  
ARM DOME CITY FOR SPACE BATTLE, THE  
REST WE CAN MAKE.



THE RESISTANCE CREPT TOWARDS DOME CITY, NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EQUIPPED AS  
THE ZAHN'S ULTIMATE WEAPON.

WE CAN NEVER REACH THE  
DOME CITY... TOO MANY ZAHN.



AS THEY PLANNED THE NEXT MOVE, THE LABSHIP  
APPEARED—

NEXUS! I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM. ONCE  
HE FINDS OUT ABOUT THE DAMAGE WE'VE  
DONE HE'LL WANT TO TAKE IT OUT ON  
AGAR. WE'LL FOLLOW HIM.



IT WAS A SIMPLE JOB FOR THEM TO FOLLOW NEXUS.

IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE  
HEADING FOR THE HALLS OF JUSTICE—

HOW DO WE GET  
IN THERE?

WE WALK IN!





DONNING A UNIFORM THE  
RESISTANCE LEADER BOLDLY MARCHED TO  
THE FRONT DOOR—

HEY, WHERE  
IS THE COMMANDER?

INTERROGATION  
ON LEVEL 7!

ON LEVEL 7—

WHAT HAVE YOU  
GOT THERE?

A BIG SURPRISE!

DUCK!

WHA...



JAN DESPERATELY TRIED TO OPEN THE ISOCUBES BEFORE THE ALARM WENT OFF—




THE ISOCUBE BARS SPRANG OPEN—






IN THEIR ANXIETY TO FREE AGAR, THEY HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT NEXUS WHO WATCHED THEM ON A VIDUNIT—



YOU HAVE CAUSED CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS—NOW YOU SHALL DIE.

WITH LEVEL 7 SEALED OFF, NEXUS PUMPED INTO A TOXIC NERVE GAS.



THIS LOOKS LIKE IT! ONCE THAT STUFF REACHES FACE LEVEL—GOODBYE UNIVERSE.

IF THIS STUFF GOES UP, THEN WE GO DOWN, SIMPLE.

FOLLOWING THE RESISTANCE LEADER'S EXAMPLE, THEY BEGAN BLASTING AT THE FLOOR.



CONCENTRATE ON ONE AREA!

INCH BY INCH THE HOLE  
ENLARGED AS INCH BY INCH  
THE GAS CREPT HIGHER—

WE SHOULD  
MAKE IT.

I THINK WE'RE  
GOING TO MAKE IT.

JUMP!

... JUST ... MADE IT!



NEXUS WAS POWERLESS TO PREVENT THEIR ESCAPE AS HE'D OVERLOOKED THE POSSIBILITY OF THEM REACHING THE HOVPARK.



YOU WILL HEAD FOR DOME CITY,  
AND YOU SHALL DIE THERE.

TEMPORARILY HIDDEN IN THE SHADOWS, THE THREE TRIED TO WORK OUT A WAY TO RECAPTURE DOME CITY—

NEXUS WILL HAVE HIS TROOPS  
CONCENTRATED AROUND THE DOME—WE  
HAVE NO CHANCE OF SLIPPING IN  
UNNOTICED.



A FRONTAL ATTACK IS OUT, BUT AT THE APEX OF  
THE DOME ARE PHOTOREACTIVE PANELS FOR THE  
HYDROPONIC UNITS. THE BRIGHTER THE SUN,  
THE WIDER THEY OPEN. AT THE MOMENT THEY'RE  
CLOSED, BUT AT DAWN THEY'LL OPEN—ALL WE  
HAVE TO DO IS FLY IN. AND I KNOW HOW WE  
CAN DO IT.

STEALTHILY THEY CREPT BACK INTO THE CITY AND CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF A HIGH RESIDENTIAL BLOCK—

I NEED TWO FILTER MOTORS, AND SIX LARGE PANELS. HURRY, WE'VE ONLY GOT AN HOUR TO SUNRISE.

I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

JAN CONSTRUCTED TWO CRUDE SOLAR GLIDERS.

... AND THE FILTER MOTORS SET IN REVERSE PUSH US FORWARD.

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT.

JAN HAD WORKED OUT THAT THE SUN'S RAYS WOULD PROVIDE ENOUGH POWER THROUGH THE SOLAR PANELS TO ENERGISE ADAPTED FILTER MOTORS.—



AGAR AND JAN JUMPED—



SLOWLY THEY GAINED CONTROL—



WHILE BEWILDERED ZAHN WATCHED, AGAR AND JAN SWEEP TOWARDS THE ONE WEAK SPOT.

HOW DO WE STOP?

WE DON'T! WE CRASHLAND  
IN THE WATER.





THEY SQUEEZED THROUGH—

JUMP!

THE WATER PROVIDED A  
RELATIVELY SOFT LANDING  
AREA—

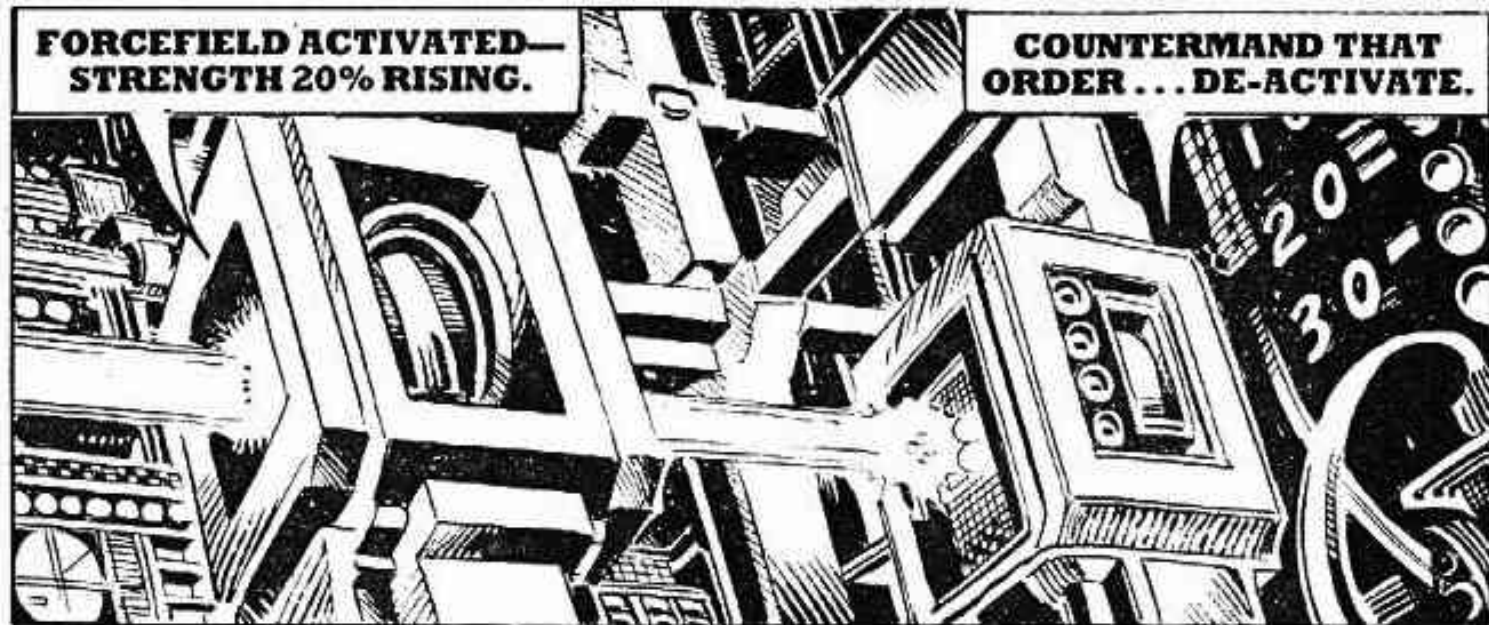
ONCE IN THE HYDROPONIC CONTROL CENTRE—

ORDER THE COMPUTER TO ERECT  
THE ANTI-MATTER FIELD.

OKAY . . . BUT CENTRAL CONTROL  
WILL ORDER A CLOSEDOWN.

**FORCEFIELD ACTIVATED—  
STRENGTH 20% RISING.**

**COUNTERMAND THAT  
ORDER... DE-ACTIVATE.**



WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?



SWITCH OFF! NOW!


NEXUS HAD WATCHED EVERYTHING—

DID YOU COUNTERMAND  
THE ORDER?



YES! THEY SHUT OFF THE  
FORCEFIELD VERY ABRUPTLY.





THE SEETHING MASS OF ANTI-ENERGY, SUDDENLY DEPRIVED OF ITS ACTIVATING FORCE, COLLAPSED UNDER ITS OWN WEIGHT. LIKE A TIDE OF ADVANCING WATER IT FLOODED ACROSS THE SPACEPORT.

AND THE CENTRAL COMPUTER WAS TRYING TO REDUCE THE POWER? HADES—THE FIELD WILL COLLAPSE.

EVERYTHING IN THE PATH OF THE TIDE WAS DESTROYED.

SO IT ALL COMES TO THIS . . . THOSE CURSED TERRANS HAVE DEFEATED ME.

WITH THE ANTI-MATTER FIELD NOW UNDER CONTROL, THE DOME CITY LIFTED OFF. THE RESISTANCE MOVED IN TO WIPE UP THE ZAHN.



WITH THE ZAHN ON UNION CITY DISORGANISED, THE RESISTANCE HAD AN EASY JOB. DOME CITY, SAFE WITH THE SECRET OF ANTI-MATTER POWER HEADED FOR EARTH TO RETURN IT TO FORMER GLORIES.



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